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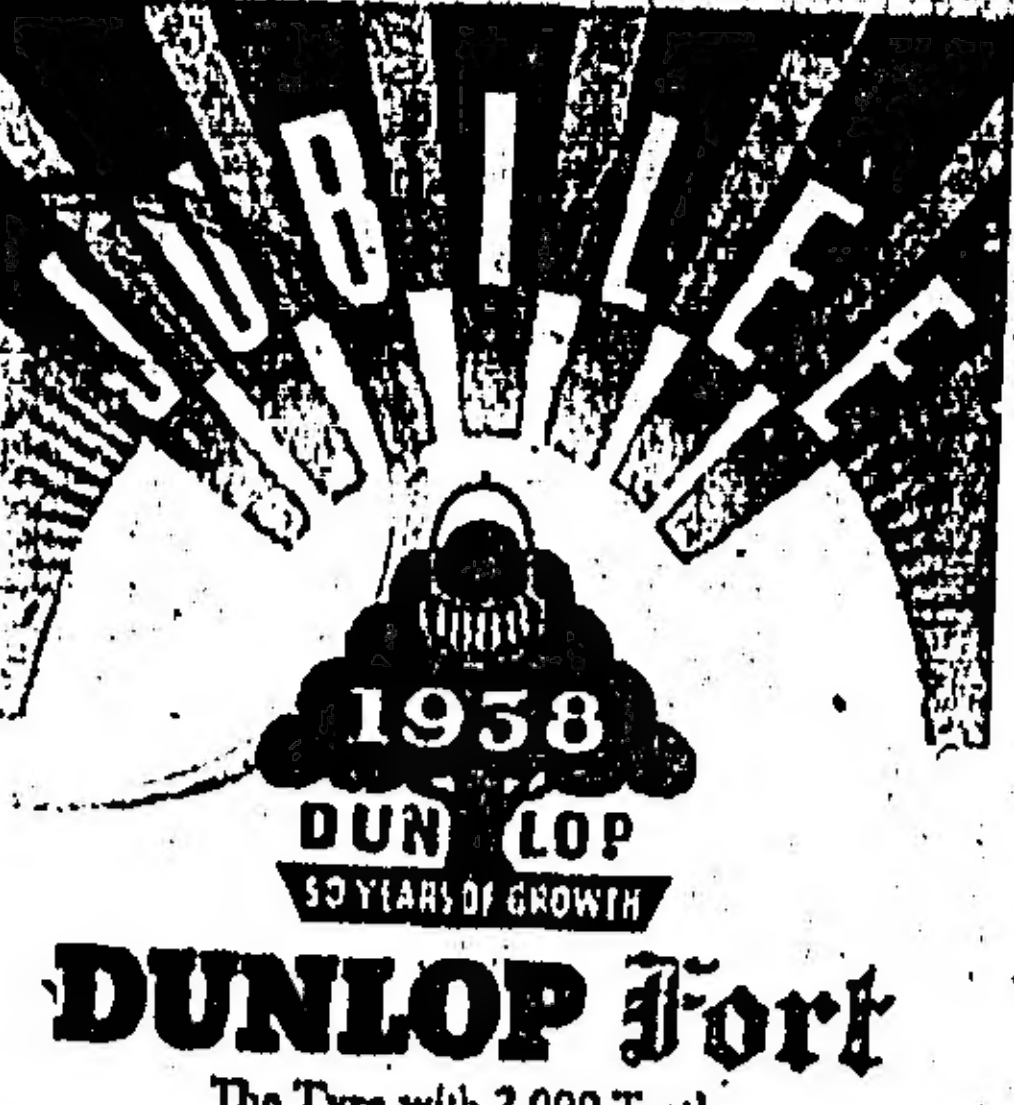


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Troop Movements Reported Near French Somaliland

FRANCO-ITALIAN TENSION FLARES AT ROME'S WARLIKE PREPARATIONS

PARIS JITTERY AT RUMOURS

PARIS, DEC. 27.
A REPORT THAT THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN ABYSSINIA ARE THREATENING TO MARCH ON DJIBOUTI, IS PUBLISHED BY "PERTINAX" IN THE NEWSPAPER "ORDRE".

The article says that the Italian authorities are proclaiming that it is only a question of time before they march there, and the French are thrown into the sea.

Italian troop movements are reported. For example, the Aslaris are being sent to West Abyssinia relieving contingents of Gallas who are being sent eastward.

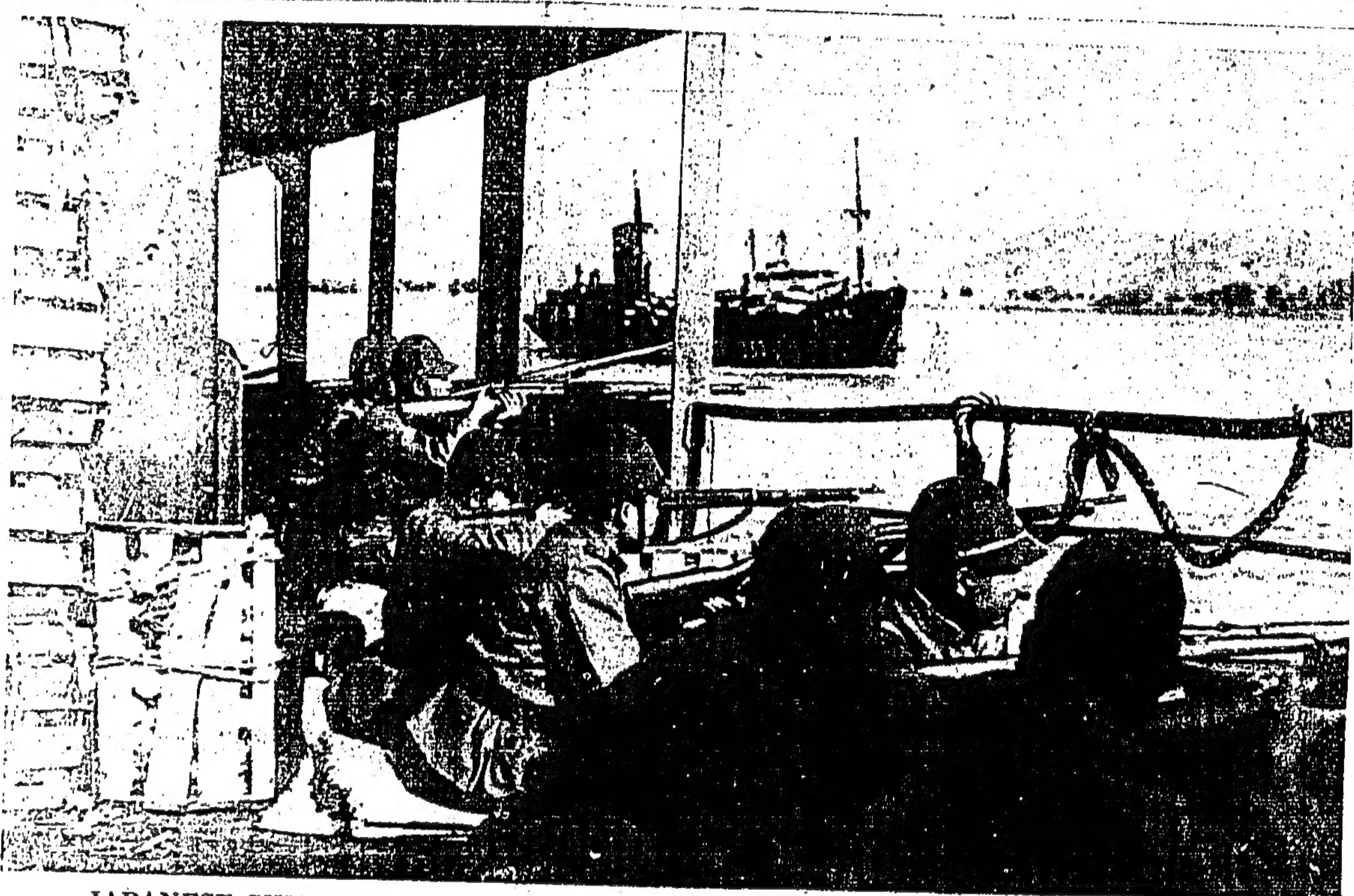
Roads, seemingly intended for military transport, have been built from Assab towards the French frontier.

The French have only numerically weak detachments at Djibouti, whereas the Italians have 90,000 soldiers, 130,000 white labourers, and 150,000 native labourers, though 185 miles of desert separate them from the French colony, with hostile populations around.

"Pertinax" says that it is by maritime power that the Italians in Abyssinia must be kept in check. The Babel Mandeb Straits can be defended as a result of Anglo-French co-operation at Djibouti and Aden, and it is stated that measures for such co-operation were taken in December, 1935.

Madame Tabouis, writing in "L'Oeuvre" says the idea seems to be to take French Somaliland from the rear, while Djibouti is attacked from the air.

She mentions the reported suggestion that France should submit to the Hague Court, the question of 700 Italian troops, six months ago, occupying posts in what is claimed to be French territory 50 miles from Djibouti.—*Reuter*.



JAPANESE SHIPPING on the Yangtse River near Anking is still being harassed by Chinese guerilla sharpshooters on the banks of the river. The photograph shows a Japanese Army supply ship, proceeding up-river with supplies, heavily guarded by armed soldiers.

FIERCE WINTER BLASTS IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.
FIERCE ICY GALES and blinding snowstorms are sweeping the northern half of the United States, and temperatures are experienced as low as 37 degrees below zero.

A 61 m.p.h. gale is lashing the Great Lakes, and coastguards report the heaviest sea for years is pounding the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, while 30-foot waves are turning Lake Erie into a miniature Atlantic.

In Erie and Buffalo, gales have necessitated ropes along

French Socialist Party Drops Pacifist Policy

PARIS, Dec. 27.
BY 4,322 VOTES TO 2,837, the French Socialist Party has agreed upon a radical departure from its former policy of pacifism in foreign affairs.

In a vote on three resolutions on foreign policy submitted to the plenary session of the extraordinary national party congress by M. Leon, the pacifist group secured only 60 votes, while an amendment to M. Blum's motion was defeated 4,322 to 2,837, with 1,014 abstentions.

M. Blum's motion denounced the policy of appeasement as initiated by the Munich Agreement, supported the efforts of the Daladier Government to re-arm France at every cost, denounced pacifism (previously the Party's strongest plank) as a policy for peace, and pledged its co-operation to the fullest extent in any war in which France may become involved in defending the integrity of its soil.

"It," said M. Blum, "is a question of war or servitude, the Socialist Party will choose war."

The vote was taken after a lengthy debate during which representatives of the various groups presented their viewpoints.

The representative of the Integral Pacifist Group declared himself to be opposed to rearmament efforts of any kind, and demanded a disarmament gesture instead.

Several delegates made a last attempt to find a compromise between the Blum and Faure resolutions.

M. Faure declared that he would continue to defend his ideas within the party even in the event of the defeat of his resolution.

He emphasised that friendship between himself and M. Blum was not affected by the fact that they did not see eye to eye in matters of foreign policy.

M. Faure then pointed out that the Munich agreement had not been sufficiently exploited for the purposes of peace. He warned against an armament race, in which the totalitarian States were bound to emerge as winners, since Germany's "poten-

New Refugee Shelter

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27.
A Shanghai despatch received here states that the newly constructed refugee shelter in the western district of Shanghai will shortly be opened for the accommodation of war victims.

With a capacity for 5,000 people, the shelter is equipped with electricity and water supplies and is expected to relieve to some extent the congestion in other camps.

Despite energetic efforts by the authorities to move them to the interior places, there still remain about 100,000 refugees in Shanghai, it is learned.—*Central News*.

CHIANG'S DENIAL OF PEACE RUMOURS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27.
COMPLETELY SETTING to rest wide-spread rumours concerning the movement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in an address at yesterday's memorial meeting here declared that they were clearly fabricated by Japanese political agents to mislead the Chinese people and undermine international confidence.

Mediation By Britain Unwanted

PARIS, Dec. 27.
THE newspaper "L'Oeuvre" today draws attention to the rumours prevalent in political circles in Paris, which declare that Signor Mussolini intends to suggest to Mr. Chamberlain, during the latter's forthcoming visit to Rome, that the British Premier should assume the role of mediator in the dispute between Italy and France.

The Generalissimo stated that Mr. Wang's trip to Hanoi was entirely personal, to obtain medical treatment for his liver and heart ailment.

It had absolutely no political significance, much less any connection with the Military Affairs Commission, or the Central Party Headquarters or the National Government.

Categorically refuting unfounded rumours spread by German broadcasting stations that Mr. Wang was leaving from Chungking to negotiate peace terms with Japan on behalf of the Military Affairs Commission, General Chiang said these rumours are clearly bent on casting seeds of doubt on the Chinese people and disturbing international confidence in China.

General Chiang pointed out as significant the fact that rumours concerning Mr. Wang were disseminated immediately after Prince Konoye's statement on December 22.

General Chiang paid a glowing tribute to the character and personality of Mr. Wang, who had worked hardest and borne the chief brunt during the past few years for the National cause.

JAPAN'S DESIGNS BARED
General Chiang pointed out that with the recent establishment by (Continued on Page 4.)

Australians Seek Pact

LONDON, Dec. 27.
A DEPUTATION of Australian trade experts have begun negotiations in Washington for a new trade agreement.

Similar negotiations will later be conducted in Ottawa.

The deputation is headed by the Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Stanley M. Bruce.

It is intimated here that the new trade negotiations have been rendered necessary by the Anglo-American trade agreement, signed recently.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Switzerland's Defence Measures

Berne, Dec. 27.
Swiss defence estimates provide for expenditure of 350,000,000 francs for the coming year, of which 150,000,000 francs will have to be appropriated for the air force.

In a report presented to the Federal Parliament by the Federal Council, it is stated that a proposal for the creation of a special defence fund to cover increased expenditure on armaments, must be seriously considered.—*Trans-Ocean*.

COMMISSION ARRIVES IN MADRID

Madrid, Dec. 27.
The International Commission appointed by the League of Nations to verify the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain, has arrived in Madrid.

The Commission, headed by General Molleworth, intends to remain in Madrid for two days.—*Reuter*.

WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

PARIS, Dec. 27.
THE ESCORT VESSEL Diberville, which is attached to the French naval forces at Levant, and which is due to carry out a cruise of the Red Sea, left Beirut for Djibouti to-day.—*Reuter*.

Japanese Departing From Yoyang

Changteh, Dec. 28.
Field dispatches state that the main bulk of the Japanese troops at Yoyang on the Canton-Hankow Railway in north Hunan, has been withdrawn to Chenglingki, five miles north.

Chinese vanguards are at Nantankang, immediately south of Yoyang, "mopping up" the Japanese remnant troops there.—*Central News*.

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the streets to enable pedestrians to remain upright.

There are 10-foot snowdrifts in the north-west.

Trains, filled with holiday-makers, have been delayed.

So far no casualties have been reported despite the dangerous conditions for pedestrians and travellers.

Reports from Toronto state that the worst snowstorm of the winter is raging throughout Ontario.—*Reuter*.

500 VIOLENT DEATHS

New York, Dec. 27.
The number of violent deaths over the three-day Christmas holiday in increasing towards 500, as the Canadian blizzard to-day swept eastward across the north and central States.

It is predicted that the cold snap would encompass two-thirds of the eastern part of the United States by to-morrow.

Officials of major airlines at Chicago grounded their machines as a precautionary measure.—*United Press*.

Does Live Alone, And Likes It

CLEVELAND.
Marjorie Hillis, author of the book "Live Alone and Like It," said here that she does live alone and like it, and that "it wouldn't have the nerve not to live alone after writing that book."

"Hands off Americans" Declaration at Lima

Lima, Dec. 27.
DELEGATES AT the Pan-American Conference met to-day to sign the 111 resolutions, declarations and projects which have been passed during the conference, including the "Declaration of Lima", with its pledge of continental solidarity against aggression.

The conference will end this afternoon at a plenary session, where delegates will sign the conference's "final act", listing its activities.

The United States delegates, who are contented with the declaration of solidarity, have planned to leave for home on Wednesday, after attending the banquet at which President Benavides of Peru, and Mr. Cordell Hull will be the principal speakers.

The delegates have listed the main accomplishments of the conference as follows:

1. Solidarity
2. Declaration on the stimulation of trade

3. Denial of the right to foreigners to exercise collectively in an American country such political rights as they would enjoy in their own countries.

4. Denial of the right of foreign groups to claim rights as national minorities in the American republics.

5. Resolution against racial persecution.

It is notable that not a single formal treaty or pact has been signed.—*United Press*.

INTEREST IN VISIT

London, Dec. 27.
Interest in Mr. Chamberlain's forthcoming visit to Rome increases with the approach of the time, and has been enhanced by the French Government.—*Trans-Ocean*.

THE N.D.L. liner Potsdam will leave here for Shanghai and Japan at 9 p.m.

Wife Gives Husband To "Other Woman"

THE legal wife of a man who had been convicted of bigamy at the Old Bailey recently met "the other woman" in the yard of the court after the proceedings and discussed with her who had the greater claim on the man.

Each woman had thought herself the wife of Joseph Dermot Hayden, a 26-year-old coach trimmer, who had cycled 400 miles from Edinburgh to answer a charge of bigamy, to which he pleaded guilty, and who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Mrs. Doris Hayden, the legal and childless wife, and Miss Nancy Gouldsmith, the bigamous "wife," with two babies, were the women who were faced with this domestic problem.

In court prosecuting counsel had stated that they were both fond of Hayden and wanted him back.

OLD MEMORIES

Mrs. Hayden said: "I found it was easy to give him up when he was not in my sight, but seeing him again brought back old memories and a desire for reunion."

"But," she added, looking at petite, sad-faced Miss Gouldsmith, "it would be a greater hardship for her. She has two babies of his to look after, whereas I have never had a penny from him and am now looking after myself."

Miss Gouldsmith said ruefully: "Of course, with two young children I cannot work. I was absolutely dependent on him. Mrs. Hayden has first claim, as she is the legal wife."

The talk continued, and then Mrs. Hayden said:

"Miss Gouldsmith has the greater claim on my husband. I am willing to obtain a divorce so that she can marry him, and I wish them every happiness."

"Thank you," Miss Gouldsmith muttered.

WINDSOR CASTLE WEDDING

The King is lending the State rooms of Windsor Castle for the wedding reception on January 25 of the Hon. Anne Wigram, daughter of Lord Wigram, Permanent Lord-in-Waiting to the King.

The Hon. Anne Wigram is marrying Mr. John Leslie Harvey, elder son of the late Col. John Harvey and Mrs. Harvey, of Rinsteadbury, Norfolk.

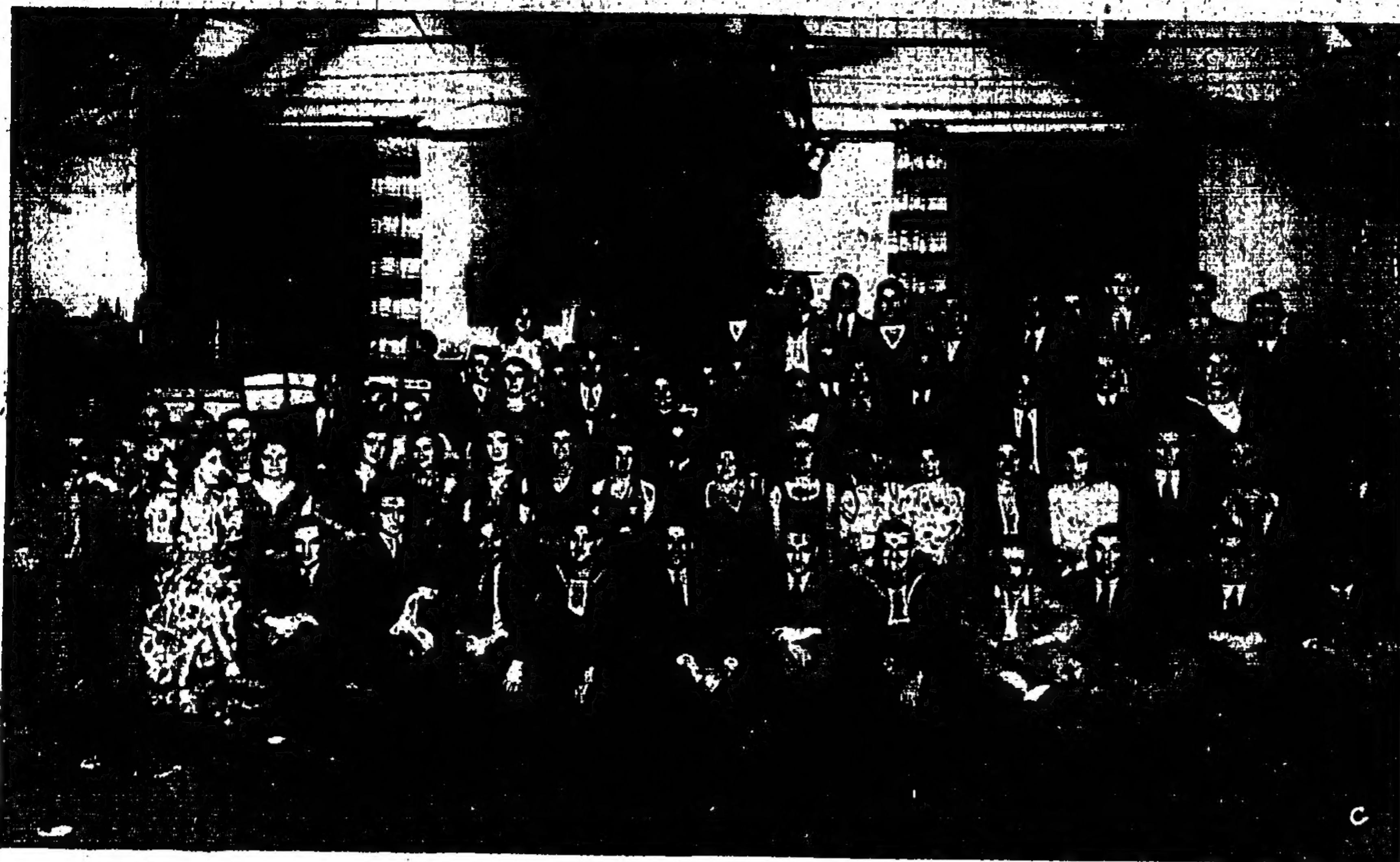
ROYAL GUESTS

The ceremony will be in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. It will be the first wedding to take place there for nearly a quarter of a century.

The King and Queen, Queen Mary, and other members of the Royal Family are expected to be among the several hundred guests.

The Dean of Windsor, Dr. A. V. Baillie, will officiate.

Lord Wigram is Deputy Constable and Lieutenant-Governor of Windsor Castle. He and Lady Wigram live in the Norman Tower of the Castle.



Group photograph taken at the recent Christmas Gala Dance held at the Cheero Club.—King's Studio.

Cast Lots In Cafe To Kill Prince

NEW YORK. MEN muttering in a guarded room at the rear of a smoke-laden New York cafe cast lots as to who should attempt to assassinate Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, who unexpectedly left England recently for Belgrade.

Concealed in the room was a dictaphone and not far away sat detective listening to every word.

Three of the twenty men are now believed to be bound for Europe.

Originally twenty men were to go to Europe, to attempt to waylay Prince Paul on his journey home.

But apparently only three sailed. An ace New York detective first discovered the plot in the cafe which is frequented by people from the Balkans.

His name is being kept secret in case terrorists attempt to avenge themselves on him.

The detective was sipping his drink when he suddenly heard the name of Prince Paul and something about killing.

Peering over his newspaper, he saw men sitting at a table, holding playing cards. But no game was in progress.

He listened intently, learned that they had sworn not to rest until Prince Paul had died.

Their plot, he heard, was to be discussed again at a later date in a private room.

New York's alien squad, told of the plot, installed a dictaphone in the meeting room.

They were listening-in when the plotters gathered to pick the assassins. They heard that at least twenty were to go to Europe on the mission of death. Instructions were to be given at a secret meeting arranged for a Saturday night.

But when detectives invaded the hall they learned that three killers had already been chosen from the twenty and had sailed.

New York police cabled Scotland Yard of the plot, and a few hours before the expected arrival in England, Prince Paul, heavily guarded, left Dover for Belgrade.

This abrupt end to Prince Paul's plans for a prolonged London visit, according to New York police circles is to forestall any attempt on his life.

'Phantom' Rang Up Victims He Robbed

IPSWICH (Suffolk). POLICE believe a "phantom" thief is responsible for the mysterious phone calls which have been worrying Ipswich shopkeepers.

Several times a day merchants have answered their telephones only to hear the click of a receiver being replaced—and silence.

Police, busy trying to solve a series of robberies carried out over the week-end, think the phone calls were a ruse to find out whether shops were occupied.

The "phantom" entered a confectionery shop, a jeweller's, and a gown store, opening "burglar-proof" locks with apparent ease, and thoughtfully locking the doors behind him as he went.

Doctor With a Secret Worry: Suicide in Epping Forest

Faith Healers Not Wicked, Says Judge

"YOU are not wicked because you have done what you thought to be right," said Mr. Justice Oliver at Derby Assizes recently to two Christian Scientists who had been accused of the manslaughter of the nine-year-old daughter of one of them.

Leonard Dutton, aged 41, of Markington Park Lodge, Derby, a head gardener in the employ of the corporation, the father of the child, and Christobel Martha Charlton, aged 70, widow, of Darley Park-road, Derby, pleaded Not Guilty to the manslaughter charge.

Dutton pleaded Guilty to a charge of wilfully neglecting the child, and Charlton pleaded Guilty to aiding and abetting.

CHILD DIED

They were formally acquitted of the manslaughter charge and were set free.

Mr. F. H. Wallace, who prosecuted, said that the child died on May 2 after a flight attack of rheumatic fever, which had commenced on April 1. A doctor was summoned for the first time early on May 2.

Dutton and Charlton were honest and conscientious in their convictions, but he contended that "in their blind faith they sealed their eyes and saw not."

Mr. Justice Oliver said that people could not be allowed to set up for themselves, by reason of some religious belief, standards that operated against the duty the law imposed upon them.

Clung Four Days To Rock In Rapids

GEORGETOWN (British Guiana). AFTER clinging four days to a rock in swirling rapids, a British official and a scientific explorer have been rescued by Indians in British Guiana.

The men were Mr. Baldwin, of the British boundary commission, and Mr. Emmet Black, of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago. When 50 miles up the Corentyn River their boat was wrecked at the King William Falls, and they had to struggle for their lives in the racing water. They were nearly swept away by the current, but succeeded in reaching a small rock.

There they were marooned without food. All valuable scientific equipment belonging to Mr. Black's expedition was lost.

After four days the Indians came to their rescue in canoes.

A LETTER expressing his sorrow at the "great tragedy and disgrace to my family" was mentioned at the Waltham Abbey inquest recently on Dr. Heber Alfred Brook, aged 25, who was found dead in Epping Forest.

Widespread search had been made for Dr. Brook, who was a ship's doctor, after an SOS was broadcast following his disappearance from his home at Baslow, Derbyshire. Noel Wynn Brook, company director of Millhouse-lane, Sheffield, said that on November 6 his brother left Baslow to take a post on locum tenens at Kensington.

SHANGHAI FRIEND "He was not engaged to be married, although he had met a lady in Shanghai. My brother's health had not been very good."

Geoffrey Francis Somerset, of Sussex-gardens, London, a medical student friend, said that he went to St. Pancras with Dr. Brook's brother and among luggage that had been left there was an empty tube which had contained morphia tablets.

P. C. Wiseman said that he found an empty barrel-type syringe. In the man's clothing were two needles, one of which had apparently been used.

Dr. K. Simpson, pathologist at Guy's Hospital, said death had taken place about four weeks before the body was found.

MARK ON ARM

There were no signs of violence except a hypodermic syringe mark on the left forearm. "I am satisfied," he added, "that death was due to morphia poisoning."

Summing up, the coroner said Brook was apparently depressed for some reason which they did not know, and about which he did not speak. He was suffering from a trifling complaint, for which he could easily have received treatment.

Verdict: Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

LONDON POST

Dr. Brook graduated at Cambridge and London and was trained at University College Hospital. Before taking up a post as a ship's surgeon he was at Nelson Hospital, Merton.

They Seek The Premier's Shirt

The Prime Minister's old shirts are in request. One has been asked for from America.

Mrs. Neville Chamberlain mentioned this recently when attending an exhibition of home crafts at the New Horticultural Hall.

At No. 10, Downing Street, Mrs. Chamberlain said she had no intention of sending one of the Premier's old shirts to America—or anywhere else.

"Since the crisis we have received many requests for personal belongings—mostly for Mr. Chamberlain's umbrella," it was added.

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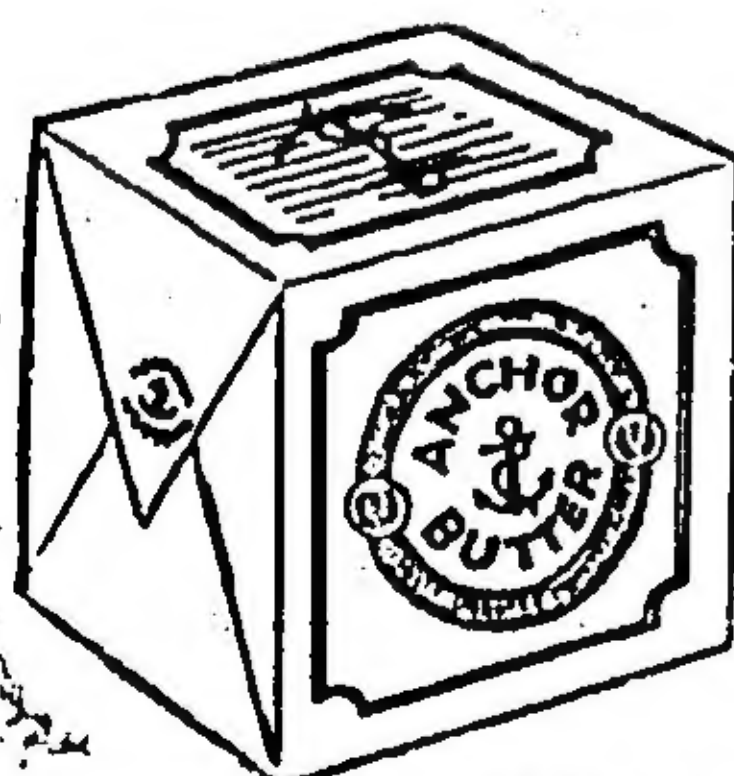
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Flaw In Navy Mobilisation

A serious flaw in the Navy's mobilisation plans was revealed during the recent emergency. As the defect could easily be remedied it is in the public interest that the facts should be made known.

The first stage of the mobilisation, in which the main Fleet was brought up to war strength in personnel, passed off smoothly enough. It was a very different matter when it came to providing officers for the Reserve Fleet and second-line ships in general.

Hundreds of retired naval officers were called up or offered their services. Retired executives of Lieut.-Commander rank are liable to recall up to the age of 60, and Commanders up to 65. It appears, however, that no record is kept of their past services, state of physical fitness, or activities since retirement.

As the emergency proved, the inevitable result is that on rejoining the Service many are appointed to posts for which they are unqualified, or where their special qualifications are wasted. The following are two examples out of the many brought to my notice:

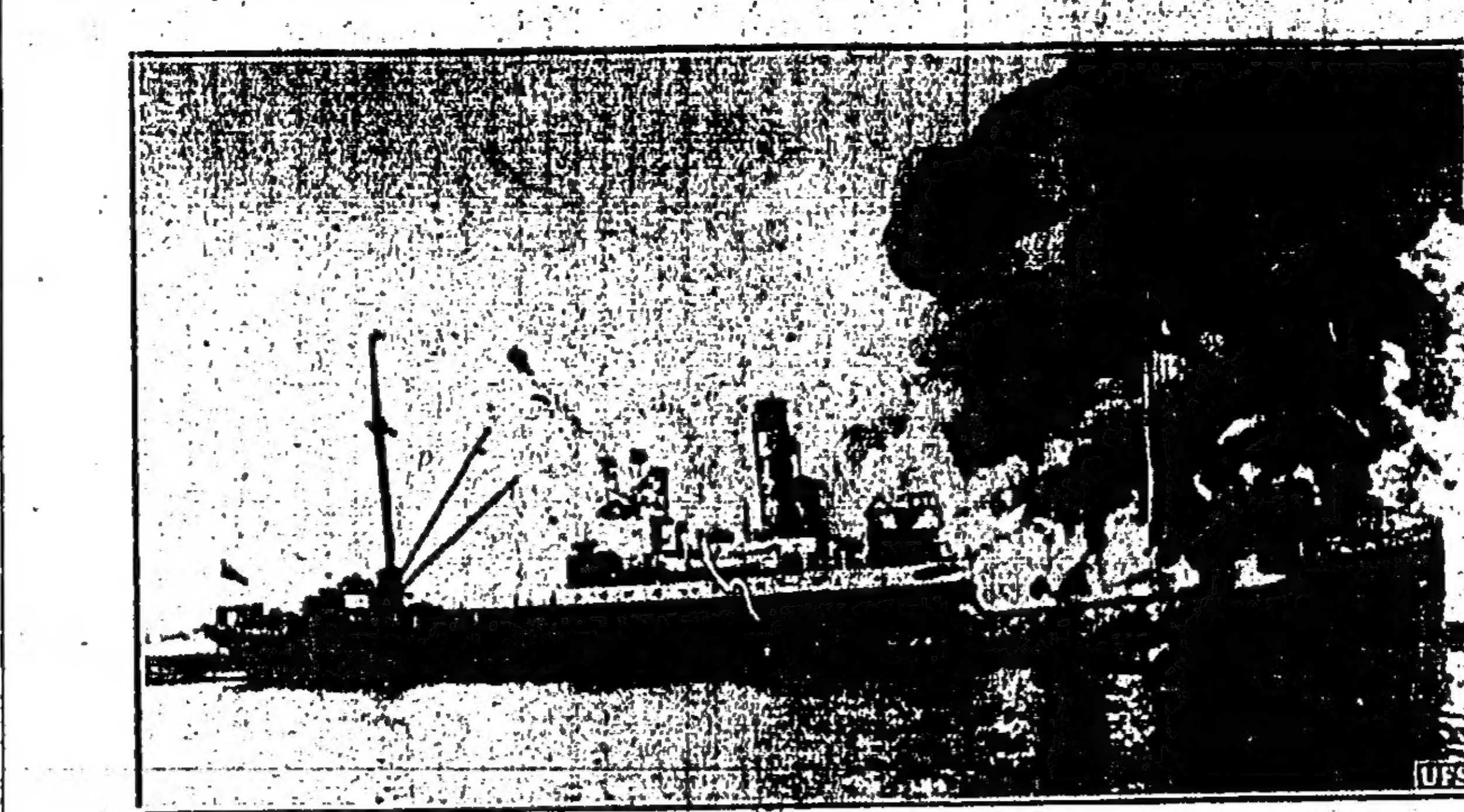
A lieutenant-commander who retired in 1927 has followed the sea practically ever since, first as master of an oil tanker and later as an official in the whaling industry in the Pacific and Antarctic. On reporting to the Admiralty for war service he was appointed to an office on shore.

SECOND APPOINTMENT

He drew attention to his special fitness for sea service, but was told that in view of the confusion prevailing the appointment could not be altered. A few days later, however, he received a further appointment to command trawlers, before he could take it up the emergency was over. He, therefore, received no pay or compensation whatever, although he had forfeited an excellent position to join up.

Another lieutenant-commander, who had been invalided out of the Service as a result of severe tropical disease, was medically warned never to go to the tropics again. Yet on reporting for war duty in September he found himself appointed to a shore billet at Aden.

These, and other anomalies, which could be multiplied indefinitely, could easily be avoided if the Admiralty showed more interest in officers who, although on the retired



Investigations were started in Marseilles, France, after a mysterious explosion aboard the British ship Stanburgh set fire to the ship, off the French town of Sete, and sent her to the bottom. Crew of a French lighter alongside was loading oil when the explosion occurred, and some were injured. Above, the ship burning furiously.

Tennis Star's Cliff Search For Dog

Lawn tennis players joined with coastguards in a vain search in dark and squally rain on a cliff edge at Torquay recently for a black Chow dog belonging to Miss Betty Nuthall.

The dog jumped out of a car and vanished over the cliff edge. It was thought to have been caught in brackets on a ledge 40ft. below, but in the darkness no trace could be found of it and the search was abandoned until the morning.

Miss Nuthall has been playing in a covered courts tournament at Torquay.

Retired officers are always liable to be recalled in an emergency.

It is suggested that all retired officers up to a certain age should be medically examined at least every three years at the expense of the Admiralty, assigned to suitable war appointments, and given a refresher course in one or more of the subjects in which they formerly specialised.

Truant Boy Fell 70ft. To Death In Shaft

A seven-year-old boy who was killed by falling down a disused mine shaft at St. Just, Cornwall, was stated at the inquest recently to have been playing truant from school.

Search parties found him after hearing moans from the shaft. He was seen on a ledge a few feet below the surface, but before he could be rescued he fell a further 70ft., and was dead when reached.

The boy, Ronald Matthews Carbis, of Boscawell, Pendeen, St. Just, was the son of a miner, and his body was recovered by another miner, Edgar Jenkins, of Camborne, who was lowered by a windlass down the shaft.

"VERY NOBLE EFFORT"
Jenkins said he found the boy on a rock with a ladder resting on his head. He was dead.

The coroner, recording a verdict of "Accidental death," praised the efforts of the searchers and Jenkins for his very noble effort in descending the shaft, which was unknown to him. "It calls for my admiration," said the coroner.

Riddle Of U.S. Woman In Thames

POLICE are investigating the death of 60-years-old Miss Rosalind Wheeler, an American, who was found in the Thames at Kingston recently.

Miss Wheeler was well known as a hostess to Americans visiting Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of George Washington.

Her body had been in the water two days. Inquiries have established that she left her home, the Wool House, Sulgrave, last week-end for a business trip to London. She had been staying at an hotel in St. James's-place, S.W.

"Miss Wheeler came to this country in 1915," Mrs. Carter, wife of the caretaker of Sulgrave Manor, said. "She had lived in the village about three years."

"She entertained a number of Americans who came to visit the manor, but she was quiet and reserved, and little was known of her here. She was a tall, stately lady."

Miss Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Train of Grosvenor-court, Sloane-street, said: "I can throw no light on my sister's death, or explain how she came to be found at Kingston."

108, Could Not Stay In Bed

England's oldest woman, Mrs. Emma Coate, of Greenway, North Curry, near Taunton, was 108 recently.

And she was so excited that she got up an hour earlier than usual.

"I could not sleep or stay in bed any longer," she said. "I had to come down to see what the postman had brought."

DOWN STAIRS UNAIDED

So, dressing herself in her Sunday best, she went down stairs without any aid from her great niece, Mrs. Pester, with whom she lives.

Awaiting her was a "fan mail" of over 60 letters and telegrams and many birthday presents. There were letters and cards from people in all parts of the country and from relatives in Australia and America.

But what pleased her most was the large number of boxes of chocolates she had received, for she still has a sweet tooth.

"I am still able to take walks, but I cannot go as far as I used to do," she confessed. "I do not want too much excitement now."

Vagrant Wears Six Shirts

Los Angeles. John Rix, 70-year-old vagrant, has solved the art of travelling without baggage. When arrested he was wearing his entire stock of four pairs of overalls and six shirts. Whenever his shoes wear out, he replaces them on the spot by cutting new ones out of the first cast away auto casing he finds.

SHOULD HUSBANDS AND WIVES HAVE SEPARATE FRIENDS?

Im just going out for an hour, dear. I want to see some of the boys.

Oh Jim, I wish you didn't go out so often in the evenings. I see so little of you these days.

2 EVENINGS LATER

Sorry I can't be home for dinner darling - I've got to attend that Sports Club Committee tonight. I'll have a bite in town.

NEXT MORNING

I know it's all right Jim having his own friends. Mother, it's the modern idea, but it does worry me - I see so little of him.

These modern theories are all very well Ann; but when I was young we'd say that a man who stayed out in the evenings usually had a dull, lifeless wife at home.

THEN ANN READ A MAGAZINE ARTICLE - IT SAID:

"Too many wives feel constantly tired, listless and 'nervy.' This tells on their looks frightfully."

HEAVENS, THAT'S ME! I must see a doctor about myself.

AT THE DOCTOR'S

You say you always wake tired, and feel washed out and dull, that's bound to tell on your looks. Your trouble is Night Starvation. My advice is, Horlicks at bedtime.

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6 WEEKS LATER

My goodness, the nicest place in the world is here with you, Ann, by the fireside!

Darling Jim!

THINKS: I'm glad I got rid of my tiredness - thanks to Horlicks.

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The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,
Hon. Secretary.

December 22, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected, or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C., Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violent Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

CASUALTY ESTIMATE

Japanese Put Chinese At Two Millions

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Imperial general headquarters announce that for the year ending November, the Japanese dead were 47,153 and the Chinese dead 2,000,000, of which 823,300 were abandoned on the battlefields, including 81,000 in Shanghai, 63,000 in Nanking, 23,000 in Hangchow, 105,000 in the Wuhan retreat and 60,000 in North China guerrilla activities.

The announcement says the Japanese line is 2,200 miles long, or four times the world war front. The complete occupation of seven provinces and partial occupation of four is claimed.—United Press.

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TO-MORROW
QUEEN'S

Franco's Drive Continues

Saragossa, Dec. 27.
The Christmas offensive launched by General Franco in Catalonia was continued to-day. The Insurgents, in four days, have conquered 300 square miles, and have taken more than 5,000 prisoners, while 32 Loyalist planes are reported to have been shot down.

Loyalist divisions, fighting near Seras, are said to have suffered heavy casualties, and were almost completely annihilated. Over 500 Loyalists who had taken refuge in the church of Seras were taken prisoner.

The civilian population remained in most of the villages since the Loyalist Government had not time to evacuate them.

Insurgent military observers describe the present offensive as the beginning of the biggest battle in the Spanish civil war. Action has been prepared with the utmost care, and on a larger scale than ever before.

The greatest difficulties on a front reaching from the Ebro River to Tena will have to be overcome by the columns operating in the Pyrenees, where they will have to fight in heights up to 2,000 feet.

The rapid advance on the southern wing took the Loyalists in the Segre sector by surprise. Loyalist positions on the lower Ebro, as well as their bulwarks in the central sector, east and north-east of Lerida, have been out-flanked so that they have been compelled to construct new entrenchments, and to regroup their forces, thereby losing much valuable time.—Trans-Ocean.

MEDIATION BY
BRITAIN UNWANTED

(Continued from Page 1.)

reply to the Italian not denouncing the Franco-Italian agreement for 1935.

It is generally assumed that the conversations held during the past few days by the French Foreign Minister with the British Ambassador, as well as with the French Ambassador in London, were mainly concerned with the question of Tunis.

Press reports here to-day stated that owing to the urgency of the Tunis problem, M. Corbin, the French Ambassador to London, had already left Paris for London, but these reports are stated by the French Embassy to be incorrect.

However, it is regarded as certain that M. Corbin will see Lord Halifax on the subject early in the New Year.

Diplomatic circles here believe that the French Government would welcome "peaceful intervention" by England in the Tunis question, and that the British Government would not be adverse to taking such a step, especially as England is directly interested in maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

It is considered likely that Viscount Halifax will endeavour to visit the mediation between Paris and Rome before the meeting of the League Council on January 10. It is also regarded as probable that the meeting of the French and British Foreign Ministers at Geneva on that occasion will be substituted for the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax to Paris prior to their meeting with Signor Mussolini.

Talk of a "probable visit of Count Ciano to London" at the end of February has been revived, although nothing definite can yet be predicted on the subject.—Trans-Ocean.

CHIANG'S DENIAL
OF PEACE RUMOURS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Tokyo of the China Development Board and with it a whole lot of hue and cry for a China-Japan-Manchukuo bloc, the Japanese design to conquer China has been bared to its teeth. It would be unthinkable for any Chinese people cognizant of the situation to entertain any longer any idea of compromise or peace.

General Chiang said he could vouchsafe for the fact that Mr. Wang was the bitterest hater and most uncompromising antagonist of Japan's designs.

The Generalissimo referred to the long and close relationship between Mr. Wang and himself and said that Mr. Wang entertained any different opinion on China's national policy he would certainly have tabled it for open discussion before the councils of the Party organ.

General Chiang in conclusion voiced the belief that the Chinese people would certainly not waver through the canards of Japanese propagandists.—Central News.

Rail Disaster
In Rumania

Bucharest, Dec. 27.
It has been possible to identify 52 of the victims of the railway catastrophe which occurred on Saturday night (and reported in the "Telegraph" yesterday), while 41 others have been mutilated beyond all recognition.

Telephonic communications in Rumania have not yet been re-established and the whole country is still isolated in that respect from abroad. This explains the delay in obtaining information concerning the full extent of the disaster, although the scene of the accident is less than 20 miles from Galatz.

All goods traffic on Rumanian railways has been suspended until further notice as a precautionary measure, in view of the exceptionally heavy snowfall.—Trans-Ocean.

France Will
Convert Big
Railway Debt

Paris, Dec. 27.
The Finance Minister, in a broadcast to the nation to-day, announced the conversion to a four per cent. basis of the entire external debt of the French railways, amounting to 3,500,000,000 francs, which is now issued at from five to 6½ per cent.

The new loan will run for 30 years, and will be convertible after three years. It is to be issued at 95. An official announcement of the loan states that France has negotiated a loan of £20,000,000 from a group of Swiss and Dutch banks, and that £12,000,000 will be placed in Holland and £8,000,000 in Switzerland, but the public issue in Holland will be only £8,000,000 as £4,000,000 were placed before the issue.—Reuter.

Peasants,
Gendarmes Clash
On Border

Budapest, Dec. 27.
One was killed, and many wounded in a clash between Slovak peasants, armed with knives and stocks, and Hungarian gendarmes in the commune of Nagsurany and Zor, near the Czech-Hungarian frontier, it is officially announced to-day.

The encounter followed a demonstration in which the Slovaks demanded the return to Czechoslovakia of two communes which had been allocated to Hungary in the recent Italo-German arbitration.—Reuter.

Nazis "Aryanise"
Jewish Shops

Berlin, Dec. 27.
Of the 3,750 Jewish retail shops in Berlin, 1,200 have been "judged suitable for Aryanisation" from January 1, says the newspaper "Nachtausgabe" which states that 700 of these have already passed into Aryan hands, while there have been no purchasers for the remaining 500.

All other formerly Jewish-owned shops will be definitely closed down, it having been intimated that there is no demand for them.—Trans-Ocean.

Chile Starts Purge
Of Army Generals

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 27.
The wholesale purge of Government officials and high army officers is taking place, following the installation of a Popular Front Government on December 15.

The reorganisation involves the resignation of eight generals, and the dismissal of most heads of departments and permanent under-secretaries.

Seventy-five per cent. of the diplomatic corps will be replaced.—Reuter.

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Rural Folk Obey Traffic

Oklahoma City, Okla.
It's the city dweller, not his country cousin, who most often is a jay-walker, Traffic Engineer Jack Hale believes. Producing figures to support his contention, Hale said that when country folk come to a large city they obey the signal lights, whereas city pedestrians are in the habit of ignoring them.

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire), and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Haiphong	Canton	December 28.
Straits and Europe via Nipapanam	Conte Rosso	December 28.
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupoh	December 28.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 28.
Straits	Menelaus	December 28.
Manila	Potsdam	December 28.
Straits	Van Heutsz	December 28.
Shanghai	Boissevain	December 28.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 29.
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 29.
Japan	Nankin	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Taima	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 10th December.	Bangalore	December 30.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December.	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 31.
Java	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 31.
Straits	Tijsslak	December 31.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Straits	Laos	January 1.
Java and Manila	Sarpedon	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tijsslak	January 2.
Japan	Manila Maru	January 3.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	January 3.
Straits	Titan	January 3.
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 10th December).	Pres. Van Buren	January 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Amoy	Kaying	Wed., Dec. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Shunchih	Wed., Dec. 28, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	Wed., Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Potsdam	Wed., Dec. 28, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 28, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Parcels and Papers only for South La Plata Maru	Thurs., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.	
Africa via Durban	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.	
Haiphong	Wingsang	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Tientsin	Holhow	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Van Heutsz	Thurs., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.

Friday

Swatow	Kiangsu	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Leesang	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Boyard and Holhow	Shantung	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 30, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 12.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 30, G. P. O. and K. P. O.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 12.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 18th January 1939	Imperial Airways Plane	Fri., Dec. 30, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Nankin	Fri., Dec. 30, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.

Saturday

Japan	Kumsang	Sat., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 7th Jan.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Sat., Dec. 31, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 31, 7 p.m.
Reg.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.	
Ord.	Dec. 31, 7 p.m.	

Sunday

Shanghai	Soochow	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Takung	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.

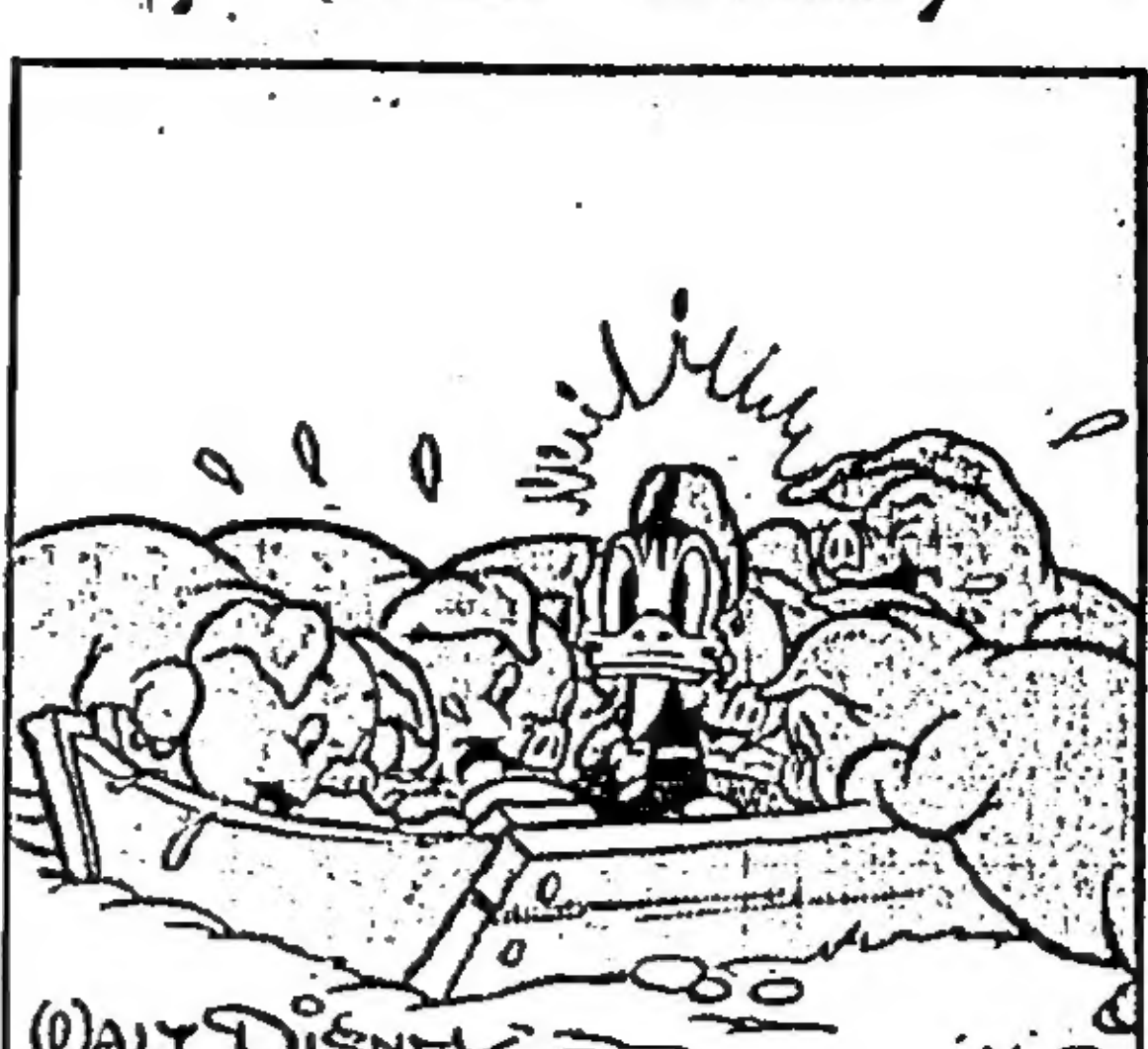
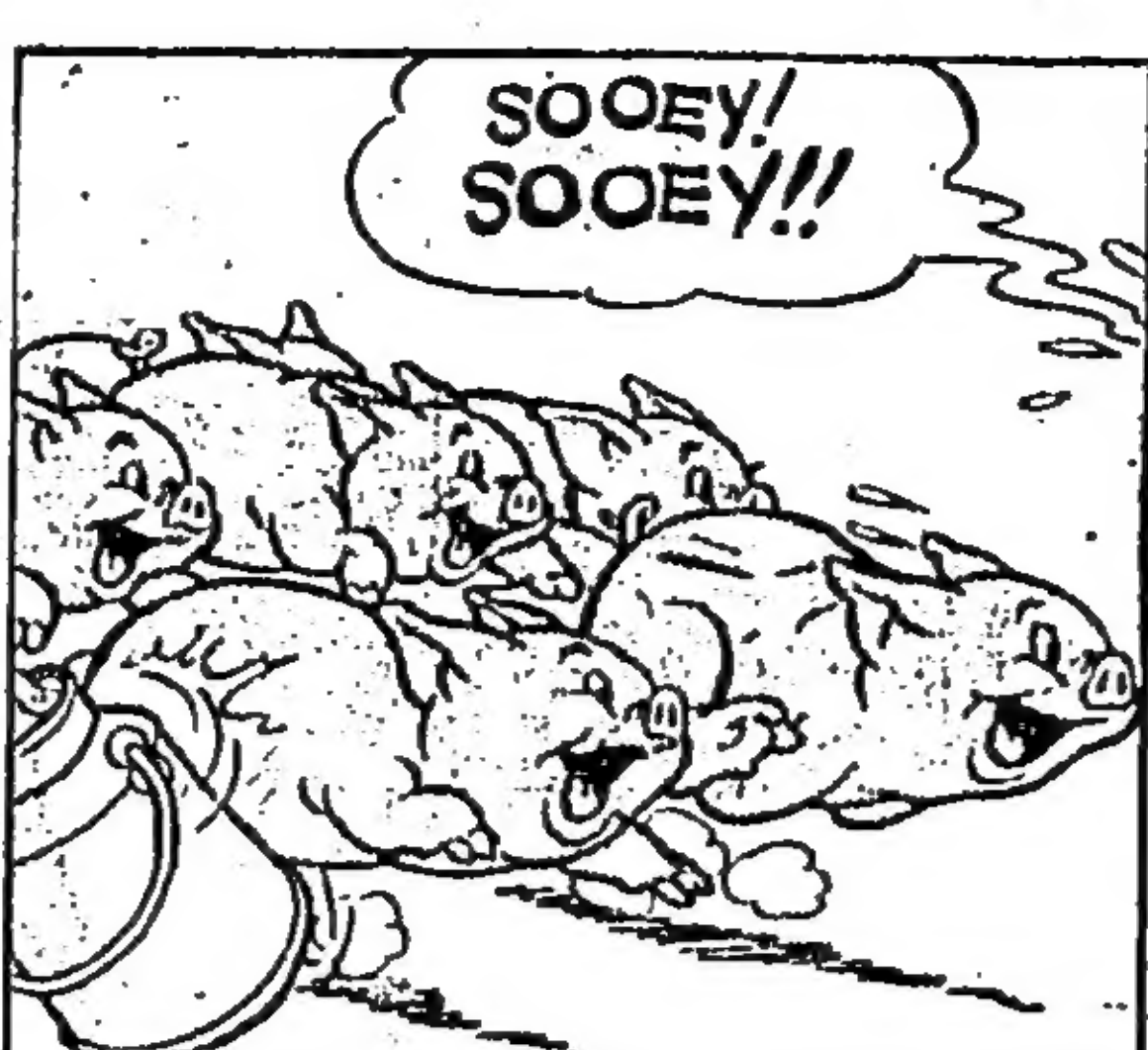
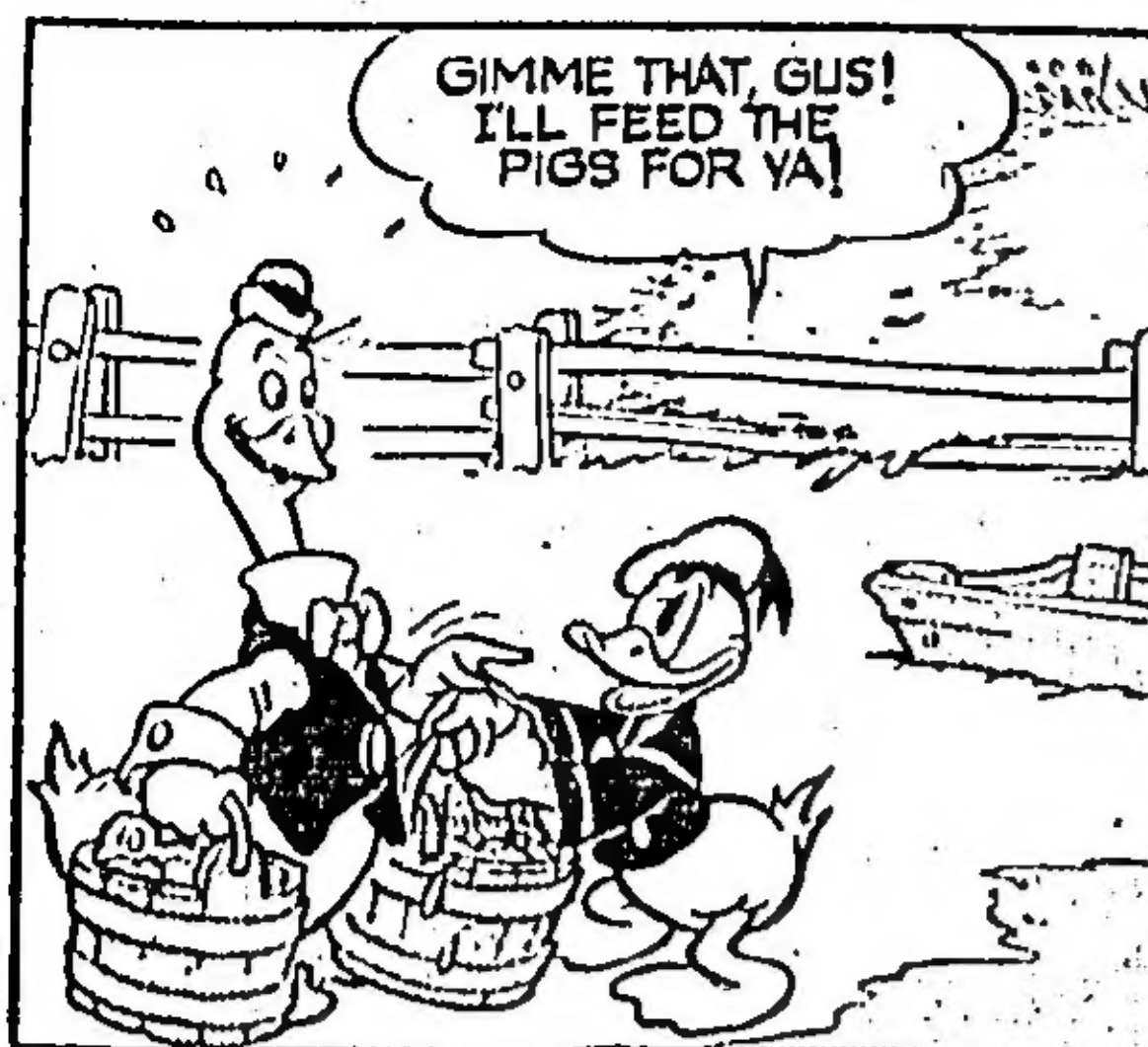
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Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 2, Noon.
Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.	
Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.	
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2, K.P.O.
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Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.	
Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.	

Tuesday

Saigon	Kanlon	Tues., Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Kanchow	Tues., Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Dairen and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Victoria B.C.	Ixion	Tues., Jan. 3, 9.30 a.m.
2nd February	Kiangchow	Tues., Jan. 3, 12.30 p.m.
Holhow and Fokoh	Jean Dupuis	Tues., Jan. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Fort Boyard and Haiphong		
Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only) for South Africa via Durban.	Manila Maru	Tues., Jan. 3, 2.30 p.m.

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Mail Unlikely to Come This Afternoon

The Imperial Airways plane Delta left Hongkong yesterday for Bangkok with 440 kilos of mail. There was one passenger, Mr. H. Kadoorie, for London.

The mail which is scheduled to arrive to-day is late, and no definite information of its arrival can be given.

MANCHUKUO AIR MAIL

Peiping, Dec. 27.
The Provisional Government has announced the opening of the air mail service between China and Manchukuo from December 25, the rates being 10 cents for postcards and 20 cents for letters.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. December 30; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

For Chungking, Siam, etc.: Eurasia and C.N.A.C. services indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 1.

For France via Hanko: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 31.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. December 28; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Dec. 31.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

PEACE RUMOURS

Doihara Said To Be In South

Shekhi, Dec. 27.

While Japanese troops are reported to be pouring into Samsui and Samsui ready for the advance towards Wuchow, and Japanese warships are ready to land troops at Pakhoi, an intelligence report stated yesterday that the thrust will be held up in expectation of a truce or mediation.

When the peace movement fails, the Japanese will resume their offensive on Kwangsi in order to bring pressure on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. On the surface, the latest Japanese terms as proposed by Premier Kono were not favourably received in Chungking, although it was learned here that Mr. Wang Ching-wei has come to South China to study the possibility of peace.

Lieut-General Kenji Doihara is reported to have arrived somewhere in this province in order to discuss peace terms with Chinese officials following a similar interview with a certain emissary in Shanghai representing a Chinese group favouring co-operation with the anti-Communist bloc.

On the other hand, political observers here pointed out that the departure of Mr. Wang Ching-wei is due largely to personal reasons. It was known for some time that this political leader endorsed the view of a majority of members of the People's Political Council that the National Government should be re-organized. This proposal, including nomination for a new President of the Executive Yuan, was turned down on the ground of expediency.

With the temporary eclipse of Mr. Wang Ching-wei from Chungking politics, local followers of Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who is a native of this county, predicted further activity in cementing relations with Soviet Russia and continuation of the war.—Special.

CARRERAS' PROFITS

Capitalising Huge Surplus After Dividends

The report of the Directors of Carreras, Ltd., presented at the thirty-fifth annual meeting in London on December 19, showed a profit for the year of £2,999,631 1s. 3d. After deducting £2,643,256 6s. 8d. for depreciation, £4,000 for Directors' fees, and £8,203 5s. 10d. contribution for the staff superannuation fund, there remained £2,322,172 8s. 8d. for distribution.

Dividends on shares paid during the year and £185,354 2s. 10d. provision for income tax and National Defence Contribution, absorbed £622,363 16s. 10d. and it was proposed to pay a further dividend of 20 per cent. on Ordinary, "A" Ordinary and "B" Ordinary shares, amounting to £400,038 4s. 6d. and to put £20,000 to the Female Staff funds fund.

The remaining sum of £1,484,801 7s. 10d. is the subject of a resolution to be put at an Extraordinary General Meeting on January 4, when it is proposed to increase the capital of the Company to £5,075,000 by the creation of 10,000,000 new "D" Ordinary Shares of 2s. 6d. each to be distributed, fully paid up, among the holders of the Ordinary, "A" Ordinary, and "B" Ordinary shares.

POISONED BERRIES

Kowloon Family Sent To Hospital

Four well-known Kowloon Tong residents were poisoned yesterday when they ate black-coloured berries while picnicking at Silver Mine Bay. They are now in Queen Mary hospital.

They were Mr. and Mrs. M. Berreux, Mr. G. White and Miss G. White, of Somerset Road.

The picnicers went in a launch and on the way back were stricken with sickness. It was stated at the hospital last night that their condition was satisfactory.

Mrs. Berreux and the Whites are the surviving daughters and son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. White, who died a week ago.

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11.20-12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Herbert Groh (Tenor) and Orchestra Raymonde.

Song Of The Vagabonds (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml); Only A Rose (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml);...Orchestra Raymonde cond. by G. Walter; Loveliest Woman Of Vienna—Waltz Song (Warden); Moonlight In Venice—Venetian Gondola Song (Hanser)...Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Manhattan Moonlight (Alter); Manhattan Serenade (Alter)...Orchestra Raymonde; Because I Love You, Bella Lucia (Schute); You Lovely Ladies (Siegel)...Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Love Is My Life—Waltz (Strauss—arr. G. Walter)...Orchestra Raymonde with Vocal Quintette.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Beethoven—Trio In D Major, Op. 70, No. 1.

Hephzibah Menuhin (Piano), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Dance Music and Variety.

Quick Step—Avalon...Vocal Rosling and His Swing Stars; Vocal—Parisian Pierrot (Coward)...Noel Coward acc. by The Phoenix Theatre Orch., London, cond. by Clifford Greenwood; Dance Orch.—Sophisticated Lady—Slow Fox-Trot; Jealous—Fox-Trot...Nat Gonella and His Georgians with vocal refrain; Humorous—John Henry's Ghost...John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Dance Orch.—La Comparsa—Cuban Dance; Bellini—Rumba...Don Barreto and His Cuban Orch.; Vocal—Alice Delysia Memories...Alice Delysia (Soprano) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra.

Raymond—Overture (Thomas)...New Light Symphony Orchestra; Ashore (Trotter) Tosti; Beauty's Eyes...Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley and His Quintet; Buffoon (Confrey)...New Light Symphony Orchestra; Songs That Live Forever (Lockton, Longstaffe); Fred Hartley and His Quintet; Cavalina (Raff); Solemn Melody (Davies)...New Light Symphony Orchestra.

6.30 Wilfrid Thomas, Elsie and Doris Waters and London Piano-Accordeon Orchestra.

Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Dauwerell and Evans)...London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood; Gerl, Daisy And The Knot-Hole; The Coronation Girls....

EXILE'S COMPLAINT

Trebitsch Lincoln Not Wanted in Hungary

Shanghai, Dec. 27.
Replying to Hungary's refusal to permit his return to his native country, the famous adventurer, Trebitsch Lincoln, alias Abbot Chao-kuang, in a statement says:

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SOLDIER ACCUSED

Christmas Night Affair In Local Hotel

Owing to a discrepancy in evidence, in a case before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Magistracy on Monday, Pte. Alfred Allen, of the Middlesex Regiment, was acquitted of theft of a five-dollar note from the Hotel Cecil on Christmas evening.

Chan Tai-yuen, cashier of the Hotel, said that he was sitting at the counter when a "boy" approached him with a five-dollar note on a tray. Chan alleged that the defendant, who was nearby, took the note and walked away.

William Chiu, assistant manager, said that he requested the defendant to return the note, but this was refused. Chiu then followed the defendant into the street and blew a police whistle, whereupon defendant was arrested by two constables. Defendant was, to a certain extent, under the influence of drink. Allen denied the charge, saying that he had left a pair of football boots in the hotel, and when he returned for them he was accused of the theft.

His Worship observed that there was a discrepancy in the evidence given by the prosecution, and defendant should be given the benefit of the doubt. Defendant was discharged.

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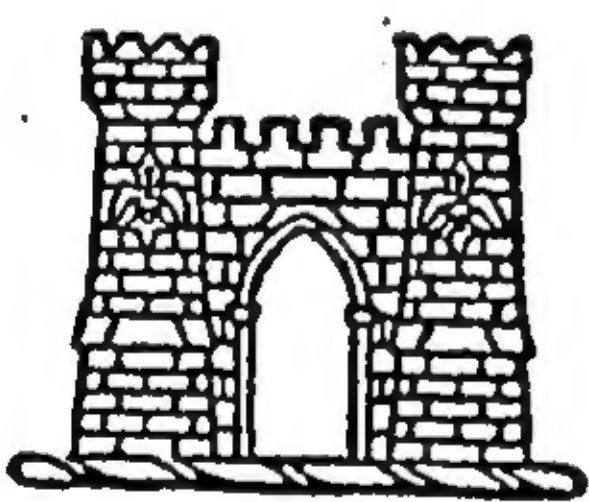
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War on the Defensive

ONCE MORE the initiative in the Sino-Japanese War passes from the hands of Japan to the Chinese. Only in the air and on the sea does Japan now appear to hold undisputed sway. She has used the former to launch an almost unprecedented campaign of terror on Chinese cities and towns, the latter to tighten a blockade that, to all intents and purposes, has the subjugation of 470,000,000 people by starvation as its objective. This naval blockade, about which so little is said, may one day prove a decisive factor in the war, as a similar blockade did twenty years ago. China, remember, cannot feed itself, but must import vast quantities of rice and other foods from the outside world. China fares better on land and it seems evident from the news of the past few days that large-scale attacks are beginning both in Kwangtung and Honan. What influence these offensives will have upon the campaign and how much territory China will be able to wrest back from Japan remains to be seen. It is two months since Canton and Hankow fell, and the Japanese are still where they were then on all fronts. The Japanese have made repeated efforts to add to their gains, to consolidate their existing seizures. But they are hampered, firstly, by a withdrawal of troops that is almost sensational in character, secondly, by weather conditions which for the next five months will favour the defenders, thirdly, by the birth of new confidence in China.

Time Marches On

ON FRONTS hundreds of miles apart, Japanese divisions are menaced by irregular forces who harass their communications and often receive support sufficient to provoke major battles.

Japan has already thrown a million men into this struggle, China three times that number. Japan claims that China's losses are staggering, her own infinitesimal. On the other hand, Japan has dipped dangerously into the reserves of man-power she must keep at home and in Manchuria against a possible conflict with Russia. Chinese reserves of man-power are inexhaustible and, in fact, are an embarrassment because of lack of arms. Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, recently claimed that by the middle of 1939 China will have an armed army of 10,000,000 men in the field. Cut that number by fifty per cent. even, and the total is formidable and something for Japan to ponder over. The war has by no means reached a decisive phase, and time is certainly on the side of China.

CHRISTMAS LASTS FOR TWELVE DAYS

THE "Twelve Days of Christmas" is a phrase which we have almost forgotten today. Yet Christmas itself is only part of the great feast of Yule, which extends from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night (January 6). Here and there in the more remote parts of the country memories of this still survive.

In Cornwall, the fisherfolk of St. Ives and the neighbouring villages go Guise Dancing. At night the streets are invaded by parties of young people attired in grotesque costume. The boys are usually dressed as girls and the girls as boys, some of them representing historical characters, others merely disguised with blackened faces.

To see them dancing at the street corners to the sound of concertina and drum, one might be watching some Italian carnival were it not for the mid-winter sky overhead.

UNTIL recently the guise dancers in Cornwall, as elsewhere, used to act the traditional play of "St. George and the Dragon." Many versions of this are found all over Britain, but the principal "characters" are the same in all. The party was generally introduced by "Old Father Christmas."

Stepping out from the half-circle of players assembled in the big friendly kitchens of the farm-houses, he proclaimed:

Here comes I, old Father Christmas, welcome or welcome not, I do hope old Father Christmas will never be forgot.

If you don't believe what I do say, Come in, St. George, and clear the way.

A resplendent St. George was followed by the sombre figure of the Turkish Knight, and his companion the Dragon. After a great deal of boasting and country wit, a fight takes place in which the Turkish Knight is knocked out by St. George. Then in comes the Doctor. With his magic medicine he resurrects the "Turkey Snipe" and the battle is renewed.

BUT once again St. George proves the champion, the Turkish Knight is slain and he, and the Dragon, are dragged off the stage by "Old Beelzebub." As a reward for his valour, St. George (in some versions) is given the hand of Princess Sabra, the King of Egypt's daughter, in marriage!

This ancient mummers' play is still acted at Christmas time in some of the villages of Hampshire. The players here are farm labourers, and wear a traditional costume consisting of a Norman helmet and something resembling a coat of mail. Their faces are hidden by fluttering strips of wall-paper which hang down over their clothing and give them a wild appearance. As one meets them trudging through the lanes, they look more like a troop of dancers transplanted from the jungle than sober English countrymen.

For hundreds of years the play has been associated with St. George, the Patron Saint of England; yet the "plot" is probably far older than any of the "characters." There is little doubt that it dates from before the time of Christianity, and that the slaying of the Turkish Knight and the victory of St. George originally symbolised the defeat of Winter and the triumph of Spring.

The "Twelve Days" was also a fire festival. Everywhere throughout Europe great bonfires were lighted at this time to encourage the mid-winter sun to regain its power.

At Allendale, in Northumberland, twenty-four men in quaint



costumes still parade the town on New Year's Night carrying pans of blazing tar upon their heads. Led by a band, they gather in the market place, where a huge bonfire is lighted.

Further north, at Burghhead on the Moray Firth, the fire festival appears again in a ceremony called "Burning the Clavie." This takes place on January 11, which is Hogmanay or New Year's Eve—old style. The "Clavie" is manufactured out of a tar barrel with odd bits of wood, and is lighted from a burning peat—no other method may be used.

It is afterwards carried with much ceremony to a neighbouring hillock where fresh fuel is added, and the flames shoot high

THE Twelve Days of Christmas culminate at Haxey, in Lincolnshire, with an extraordinary game called "Throwing the Hood," which has been played there for more than six hundred years. On the afternoon of January 6 the men of the five rival hamlets which form the parish assemble on a bleak hill-top overlooking the Fens. The leader of the game, called the "Lord," is dressed in a scarlet tunic with a Morris dancer's top hat decorated with flowers. Round him he places his twelve red-jeried "boggins" to form a hundred-yard circle—as if for rounders.

Then, taking a "hood," which is made of a tightly fastened roll of sacking, about two feet long, he chants the formula:

Hoos again hoos, too again too,
If a Man meet a man knock a
Man down
—But don't hurt him!

and hurls it into the air. In a moment the crowd is on it, each man striving to capture the hood and escape with it, past the boggins, to his own village.



IN this way the game goes on, for an hour. Then comes the "saw." Imagine a giant football scrum composed of a hundred men locked immovably over an unseen ball and you have some idea of what this is.

Bit by bit the weaker side is driven down the hill, contesting every inch, for "luck" goes to the winners. At last, without need of referee or whistle, the pressure slackens, the scrum breaks up—and another of Haxey's hood games has come to an end.

A. K. H. Jenkins

WOMAN NEED NOT TELL

A WIDOW cannot be compelled to disclose statements made to her by her husband during their marriage.

This centuries-old rule of law was upheld in the Chancery Division recently, when Mr. Justice Simonds refused an application by Mrs. Florence Annie Shenton, who wished to deliver interrogatories to Mrs. Edith Lilian Tyler, widow of Mr. Edmund Decible Tyler, to substantiate her claim that Mr. Tyler left his widow about £70,000 subject to a promise that she would pay Mrs. Shenton £2 a week during her lifetime.

The addresses of the parties in the case were not disclosed.

Mr. Roger Turnbull, for Mrs. Shenton, said her case was that Mr. Tyler communicated to his wife his wish that she should pay to Mrs. Shenton £2 a week during her lifetime.

PAYMENTS STOPPED

Mrs. Tyler, it was alleged, gave him such a promise.

Mrs. Shenton received the payments until March, 1937, when they were discontinued. The question was, what steps could be taken to compel Mrs. Tyler to disclose the alleged bargain in which the husband said: "If you will pay the lady this weekly sum I will let you have my residuary estate."

Mr. Turnbull contended that the rule of common law which said that no wife should be compellable to disclose any communication made to her by her husband during marriage had no application to a widow.

SACRED CONFIDENCES

Mr. G. D. Johnston, for Mrs. Tyler, said it was an absolute rule of law that no husband or wife could be compelled to disclose any communication made during marriage. It would be detrimental to the court to disclose sacred confidences between husband and wife.

Mr. Justice Simonds said that in her defence to the action Mrs. Tyler denied that any such wish was expressed by her husband, or promise made. Mrs. Shenton sought to establish her case by interrogating Mrs. Tyler.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Her mother picked him, but she put her foot down and insisted on picking the gown!"

MY 800-MILE RIDE TO COURT ON 19s. —BY A CYCLIST

TOWARDS half-past ten one morning recently, round-faced Joseph Dermot Hayden, pedalling merrily on a bicycle of doubtful vintage, swung round into Old Bailey, and smiling an Irish smile, offered himself up to justice.

He is facing a charge of bigamy.

Joseph and his bicycle have done marvels. They have travelled together over the 800 miles from London to Edinburgh and back.

Only adverse winds and a blinding storm near the border prevented Joseph from presenting himself at the Old Bailey at the appointed hour.

While his name was being called in the echoing corridors he pedalled hard on the last lap to London, but he reached the court half an hour too late.

CHOCOLATE AND TEA

Sympathetic officers of the law gave him enough for a square meal and a bed and told him to "come again on Thursday." He had squandered his last 2d. on a cup of tea.

Dick Turpin's ride to York may have been more spectacular, but certainly no more heroic than Joseph's ride to Edinburgh and back.

"I wanted my sister in Edinburgh to hear about my case from me and nobody else," he said, "so, realising that my total wealth of 10s. wouldn't buy a railway ticket, I just hopped on my bike and went under my own power."

"I'm pretty fit and did fairly well

to cover the round trip in about 80 hours, but I take off my hat to the man who set up the record of 19 hours for the single trip. It's incredible.

"I survived on bars of chocolate, lots of cups of tea, and odd dozes in odd places. First day, I made Stamford the second, Newark the third, and Edinburgh on the fourth.

"And was I tired! I almost fell into my sister's house. We had a long talk, and then, feeling a better man for some good sleep, I turned for home, with 11s. in my pocket this time.

"Chocolate, cups of tea, and dozes again—plus winds and storm near Berwick, a shock when I had to pay 2s. 6d. for a modest breakfast one morning, and the loss of my lamp. I left the lamp in a cafe, but I was so busy on my favourite hobby of designing model aeroplanes in my mind as I rode, that I didn't notice for a long time that I had no light."

GIRL'S £37 FOR LOST HAIR

Complaining that she had to have her hair cut off after it had been dyed, Miss Hilda Stanley, a barmaid, claimed £100 damages at Westminster County Court recently from Bernard Butler, hairdresser, of Charing Cross Road.

She was awarded £37 and costs. Miss Stanley took off her hat to show her hair to Judge Sir Mordaunt Snagge. "I cannot get a job because of my appearance," she said.

She added that she was still having hospital treatment for dermatitis of the scalp.



The Rev. Father MacDonald conducting Mass in the Chapel at the Hongkong Brewery, Sam Tsang, New Territories. The members of the Loyola Mission nearby hold services in the Brewery every Sunday, by kind permission of Mr. J. H. Rutledge, the Managing Director of the Brewery, for the convenience of the staff and other residents of the Castle Peak district.—Photo by Jaffer.

HE CAUSED WIFE'S EMPIRE NEWS DOWNFALL

My Sin No Worse Than Yours, She Said

NOTWITHSTANDING the conduct of the wife—I think the right course is to exercise discretion in her favour having regard to the salient fact that her downfall was brought about by the conduct of her husband.

So said Mr. Justice Hodson in the Divorce Court recently when he gave judgment in an unusual divorce suit in which a husband and wife made cross-allegations of adultery against each other.

Mr. Justice Hodson dismissed the husband's divorce petition and granted a decree nisi to the wife.

The petitioner was Captain John Martin Hanehard Goodwin, giving an address at Brae-court, Kingston-hill, Surrey, and the respondent wife was Mrs. Audrey Craven Goodwin, late of Lamb-terrace, Leamington.

BOTH ASK DISCRETION
Captain Goodwin charged his wife with having committed adultery with a chauffeur named Leonard Thomas, described as a married man with four children.

In a cross-prayer Mrs. Goodwin alleged her husband's adultery with a named woman, referred to during the case as "K."

Both parties admitted adultery, and each asked that the discretion of the court be exercised in his or her favour. The husband denied that his own conduct conducted to his wife's adultery. No answer was filed by the co-respondent, who did not appear.

Captain and Mrs. Goodwin were married at Highgate, N., in 1921, and afterwards lived at Studley Manor, Warwickshire, and other addresses, the last being Brae-court. There are two children.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hodson said that the husband's case, on the face of it, was a simple one.

"CRISIS IN HER LIFE"
It was: "My wife was always extravagant, incompetent, slovenly, and a wretched manager. I became unhappy and committed adultery. At a later date my wife committed adultery with the co-respondent."

"She had, at the end of 1936, a crisis in her life by reason of what happened to her because of her adultery. She was going to have a child by the co-respondent."

But the circumstances, said Mr. Justice Hodson, turned out to be very different from those which that simple statement of facts would indicate.

Mr. Butler asked the Prime Minister whether he can give particulars of the strength of the military and naval forces maintained by His Majesty's Government in North China; and how they compare with the foreign garrison maintained there?

Mr. Butler: As the answer contains a number of figures, I will, with the hon. Member's permission, circulate it in the Official Report.

Mr. Day: Have the forces been considerably altered during the last 12 months?

Mr. Butler: I think it would be advisable for the hon. Gentleman to read the statement that I am circulating.

Following is the answer:
The strength of the British military forces in North China on 1st November was 37 officers and 855 other ranks. The strength of the foreign garrisons in North China on the same date was: United States' of America, 553; French, 1,520; Italians, 342; Japanese strength not available. These figures include garrisons at Peking, Tientsin, and certain small detachments in the vicinity of those places. As regards naval forces in North China, the dispositions of His Majesty's ships on the China station are at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief, and their allocation between North China and other parts of the station varies considerably throughout the year. On 5th December His Majesty's ships were stationed as follows: one escort vessel at Taku; one escort vessel at Tientsin; and one cruiser at Wei-hai-wee. There are at the moment no foreign warships in Chinese waters North of the Yangtze, except a number of Japanese cruisers and destroyers.

MISSIONARY CENTENARY—The London Missionary Society's Church at Kuruman has been celebrating its centenary. It was from Kuruman that many of the early missionaries and explorers set out for the interior of "Darkest Africa." Livingstone married Mary Moffat in the Kuruman Church in 1845.

ALBERTA MAY HAVE SUMMER ELECTION
Edmonton. The Prime Minister of Alberta, Mr. William Aberhart, is seriously considering a provincial general election in June or July in an attempt to increase the Government majority before the Dominion election, which is expected in the autumn.

The provincial campaign will be based on the public debt refunding scheme and highway development instead of further promises of Social Credit "dividends."

The Dominion Government and international finance will be attacked to keep public feeling inflamed against big interests.

SOUTH AFRICA
Cape Town. A motion urging that State officials and school teachers should be prohibited from taking part in politics gave rise to considerable discussion at the Transvaal United Party Congress.

One delegate said that it was not so much a matter of prohibiting teachers from taking part in politics as of stopping them preaching politics in the schools.

An amendment on these lines was passed.

No Holidays With Pay—The National Federation of Building Trade Employers, at its congress in Johannesburg, declined to grant holidays with pay to employees in the building industry. The resolution added that "The economic position in South Africa does not justify any

TROOPS TO JOIN IN SEARCH FOR LOST GIRL TO-DAY

BRIGHTON.
FIFTY men of the Royal Artillery, stationed at Preston Barracks, Brighton, recently joined in a downland hunt for four-year-old Patricia Owens, of Arthur Street, Hove.

After a 30 hours' fruitless search, in which a bloodhound was used, Hove police feared that the child, who was last seen talking to a man with a bicycle, has been a victim of foul play.

Abducted Girl's Night Of Terror

Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.

A TERRIBLE story of how she was dragged 15 miles through fields and woods last night by a man who threatened to murder her if she did not do his bidding, was told recently by Florence MacKenzie, 16-years-old schoolgirl, of Balmaghie, near here.

Florence vanished on her way home from school, and while policemen with bloodhounds, gamekeepers, and estate workers searched for her, a shepherd saw her in a small boat in the middle of Loch Grannoch, 15 miles from here.

Sobbing and exhausted, she dragged herself ashore, and said she had escaped from her captor by rowing across the loch. She was taken home by car.

Here is the story she told:
"I was cycling home, and was only a few minutes from the house, when a man jumped from the side-way and dragged me into the bushes."

"He held me on the ground, put his hand over my mouth, and said if I screamed or tried to escape he would kill me."

"It became dark, and I saw someone—I think it was my father—searching around with a light. But I dared not do anything."

"Then the man said he was going to take me away. He made me walk all night. We started off across fields, and over walls. Whenever he could he kept to the woodlands."

"I do not know where we went. We kept going up hills and into valleys until I was worn out."

"It was terribly cold and I felt frozen. With the short stops for me

This was the reason that led the Chief Constable, Mr. William C. Hillier, to call in Scotland Yard, Chief Inspector Thompson and Detective-Sergeant Bray later arrived from London.

Patricia is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Owens, a gas company employee.

MAN ON A BICYCLE

The police have been given the description of the man on the bicycle. He was of rough appearance and was wearing a cap and either a dark overcoat or mackintosh.

He rode in a peculiar way with his insteps on the pedals and his toes turned outwards. This suggests that the machine was too small for him.

The bloodhound was brought from Chichester, but it failed to pick up a scent from the girl's beret, which was found last evening in Mileote Avenue, Hove.

The police were handicapped by having only a vague description of the cyclist who spoke to the missing girl and a little playmate, Arthur Roy Thompson, in Tamworth Road, Hove, about 11 a.m.

WOMAN INTERVIEWED

Then, as the result of information they interviewed a Hove woman. She described how, in Old Shoreham Road, Hove, at about the time of Patricia's disappearance, she saw a man wheeling a little girl on a bicycle.

The father of Roy Thompson, Mr. Percy Charles Thompson, a butcher, of Tamworth Road, said: "Yesterday morning I saw a man on a bicycle speak to Patricia and my little boy."

"The girl trotted alongside him. My son came back to the shop. He has since told me the man on the bicycle said to Patricia: 'Come and play with my little boy.'"

to rest, we kept on all through the night.

JUMPED INTO BOAT

"When dawn came we were on a lonely hill, and I said I should have to have something to eat. I had not had a meal since lunch at school the day before."

"He went away in search of a goat, and that was my chance to escape. I ran down the hill to a loch and found three boats moored there."

"I jumped into one and used a floor-board as an oar."

"I rowed until I got almost to the other side, where I saw a shepherd. I landed and he took me to a man who had a car, in which I was brought home."



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STAIRWAY INCIDENT

Chinese Denies Picking Seaman's Pocket

An unlicensed hawk, Ng Chai, 27, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Monday with stealing a sum of money from Able Seaman J. J. O'Sullivan, of M.S. Falmouth, at Gloucester Road.

O'Sullivan said he was walking along the road in the early hours of Monday morning when the defendant approached and took him up to a flat. On the staircase landing, Ng asked complainant for 20 cents, which was given to him. As Ng was leaving, complainant felt a touch at his pocket and discovered that \$8 was missing. Suspecting the defendant, he ran after and caught him.

Ng denied the theft, saying he was watching some Europeans chasing a crowd, when O'Sullivan caught him and accused him of stealing money. He claimed to be able to call witnesses to prove his innocence.

A remand until to-day was granted.

CONTINENTAL

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Lee Wai-Tong Injured In Last Minute Of Charity Game

China Beats Scotland In International Tie

(By "Abe")

One minute from the final whistle . . . Lee Wai-tong, who had already scored three goals, had the ball at his toes . . . Proctor, Scottish centre-half, about to tackle him . . . a terrific crack, which could be heard all round the ground . . . Lee clutching his shin in agony . . . and several people came on the field to carry him off.

This formed the climax of an exciting encounter in the first round of the "Sunday Herald" International Shield soccer match between China and Scotland at Sookunpoo yesterday, won by the Chinese by the overwhelming margin of four goals to nil.

Proctor tried to kick the ball clear, against Blackburn, the Scots' right back. He shot straight at Duncan, and the latter had no difficulty at all in clearing.

However, the Chinese burst through and Lee scored with a shot which hit the post before entering the net. This lead restored the confidence of the Chinese, and they began to settle down to play their usual game. Nevertheless, the Scots were giving nothing away and their forwards were still trying desperately to equalise, though half-time arrived with the Chinese still leading by a solitary goal.

FAULTY FINISHING

It was only in the second half, however, that the Chinese over-ran the Scots. In the first, the exchanges were as even as they were exciting. The Scots, in fact, were attacking more consistently than their opponents, but faulty finishing, plus the desperate defence of the Chinese rearguard, prevented them from getting the ball past Tam Kwan-tion.

Almost throughout the first period, the Chinese had a difficult task in getting the ball away from their own half, and once they were lucky not to concede a goal, in a melee in front of their goal, Howlett lobbed the ball over the heads of a crowd of players, but it hit the post and rebounded into play with Tam completely beaten.

On the other hand, Lee Wai-tong missed a penalty, given for hands

SCOTS LOSE DASH

The game was as keen as ever and the exchanges still very even in the first few minutes of the resumption. But after Lee Wai-tong had increased the lead for the Chinese with a shot which Duncan should have saved—he got both hands to the ball, but could not prevent it from entering the net—the Scots' play deteriorated gradually.

Mossack remained the trier to the end, but he and his colleagues were too well watched by the Chinese defenders to have any opportunity of shooting while inside the goal area. The defenders were not allowed to relax, as the Chinese, encouraged by their success, swept down the field time and again in dangerous raids.

Lai Shiu-wing added the third goal with a somewhat lucky shot. The ball bounced awkwardly over the heads of a couple of defenders (Continued on Page 9.)



W. A. Land, who won four titles at the International Athletic Meet at Caroline Hill last week-end, is seen here clearing the bar in fine style in the high-jump event, which he won with ease. He was former Army champion in England.—Photo by Mee Cheung.

Here And There With "Abe"

Leading Tennis Players Coming East Next Year

A REPORT carried by the Straits Times is to the effect that during the first half of next year, many leading tennis stars will visit Malaya. Among players that are expected are Donald Budge, Fred Perry and Ellis Vines. Professionals all, they are the three best players in the world at present and exhibitions by them would be tennis of a standard that has never been seen before in Malaya. Budge has yet to play his first professional match; he will do so on January 1 and then after a tour of America, he, Perry and Vines will play in Japan and then in Manila. The report does not mention anything about the players calling at Hongkong, but states that from Manila, they will visit Singapore and then go on to India. If the players

Miss Alice Marble

ANOTHER report states that another who is likely to visit the Far East next year is Miss Alice Marble, the famous American amateur lady player, who recently signed a contract to sing in leading New York hotels. She would be a bigger attraction than even the professionals, as she is one of the few women in the game who plays really hard tennis at a very fast pace. She has been one of the stars at Wimbledon during the past few years. Miss Marble will more than likely be accompanied by Miss Dorothy Bundy and, if present arrangements go through, this pair will play in Malaya for several weeks. It is hoped that they will include Hongkong in their itinerary.

Filipino Visitors

ONE visit we can be sure about is that of the Filipino stars, Leonardo Gavia and Amado Sanchez, who will be giving an exhibition at the Kowloon C.C. on Thursday. Gavia and Sanchez are the two top-ranking tennis stars in the Philippines at the moment. Gavia has been up here before but, as far as I know, this will be the first opportunity local tennis enthusiasts will have of seeing Sanchez. I understand that Gavia and Sanchez have been selected to represent the Islands in the forthcoming Far Eastern championships at Saigon, being chosen after a round-robin tournament held at the beginning of the month. "Mighty Atom" Ampom, a student, was one of those contesting a place in the team, but when it was announced that the Filipino team would consist of only two players, accompanied by a coach, Ampom's parents withdrew their permission for their son to visit Saigon. They felt that so young a player should not go on a foreign visit without the benefit of a coach's advice. When the four young American stars visited Hongkong recently, we were made to realise once again how low our standard of play really is. Against the Filipinos we will be able to judge for ourselves how our standard compares with others in the Far East.

Congratulations!

IN view of what I wrote on Saturday regarding the prospects of the soccer match between South China "A" and the Middlesex Regiment, it is only fair—and I do so with pleasure—for me to state here that the game was one of the cleanest this season, and consequently it was a most enjoyable match to watch. None of those petty incidents which marred their previous encounter was in evidence throughout the whole game. I have always held that South China "A" and Middlesex can supply some of the best football that can be seen in the Colony, if only both teams would go into the field with the idea of playing football. And those who were at Sookunpoo on Saturday must agree with me that it was a fast clean game they saw—the sort of play that we would like to see more on our grounds.

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Home Soccer

DERBY C. FORGING AHEAD

Everton Beaten By Odd Goal

Derby County went further ahead in the First Division of the English Football League yesterday when, playing before their own supporters, they defeated Everton, their nearest rivals, by the odd goal in three.

Charlton triumphed over Arsenal at The Valley, winning by the only goal of the match.

In the Second Division, Blackburn Rovers visited Bury and won by 4-2 while Sheffield United, also playing away, were held to a draw of 2-2 by Southampton.

Chester and Crewe were the highest scorers of the day, with eight goals each against Hartlepool and York respectively.

The following results, with the exception of those in the Irish League, which were sent by Our Own Correspondent, were cabled by Reuters.

FIRST DIVISION

Aston Villa	1	Sunderland	1
Charlton	1	Arsenal	0
Derby	2	Leeds	2
Everton	1	Blackpool	2
Huddersfield	1	Manchester U.	1
Leicester	1	Stoke	0
Liverpool	1	Birmingham	2
Middlesbrough	2	Brentford	2
Portsmouth	2	Bolton	2
Sheff. N.E.	2	Grimsby	0
Wolves	5		

SECOND DIVISION

Bury	2	Blackburn	4
Chesterfield	2	Bradford	2
Luton	1	Notts F.	0
Manchester C.	5	Tranmere	0
Newcastle	2	Norwich	0
Plymouth	0	Coveントリー	0
Wednesday	0	Fulham	1
Southampton	2	Sheff. U.	2
Swansea	2	West Brom.	0
Tottenham	1	Burnley	0
West Ham	0	Millwall	0

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	2	Crystal Pal.	1
Brighton	1	Bristol C.	0
Dorset	1	Bournemouth	0
Exeter	3	Southend	0
Mansfield	0	Ipswich	0
Newport	0	Swindon	4
Notts C.	0	Watford	0
Port Vale	0	Northampton	2
Queen's P.R.	5	Cardiff	0
Torquay	2	Clifton O.	0
Walsall	2	Reading	0

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington	0	Barnsley	2
Bradford C.	3	Barrow	0
Carlisle	1	Wrexham	1
Chester	8	Hartlepool	2
Crowley	8	York	0
Darlington	5	Gateshead	0
Lincoln	0	Hull	0
New Brighton	0	Halifax	0
Rochdale	0	Southport	0
Rotherham	0	Doncaster	0
Stockport	3	Oldham	1

IRISH LEAGUE

Bangor	2	Newry	3
Coleraine	0	Cliftonville	4
Dunderry	2	Ards	0
Glenavon	1	Ballymena	0
Larne	3	Glenavon	0
Lisfield	2	Derry	0
Portadown	2	Delfest	3

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

South Africans Make A Splendid Recovery In First Test Match Against M.C.C.

Viljoen, Dalton, Langton Pull The Game Round

The South Africans made a splendid recovery in the first Test match against the M.C.C. at Johannesburg, and at the end of the first innings were only 32 runs behind the tourists. A century by E. L. Dalton and a hard-hit 64 by A. B. C. Langton towards the end of the innings enabled the South Africans to reach 390 in answer to the M.C.C. total of 422.

At close of play yesterday, the M.C.C. had made 103 for the loss of one wicket. There being only one more day left for play, the match seems likely to end in a draw.

Johannesburg, Dec. 27. The weather was warm and sunny when the match was resumed to-day. The wicket was still good and showed only slight signs of wear. Yesterday's attendance of 22,000 was a record, the previous best being 10,000 at the match against Australia in 1936.

Farnes and Verity opened to Mitchell and Viljoen, and although the batsmen were very cautious, Mitchell was bowled by an inswinger from Farnes on the last ball of the second over and was out for 73, including three fours, and compiled in 240 minutes. He had been very patient and defended skilfully.

Dalton joined Viljoen at six for 173 and survived three leg-before appeals in the first few overs. Both bats were very steady.

At lunch the score was six for 256, Viljoen being 36 and Dalton 48.

CONFIDENT RESUMPTION

The South Africans made a confident resumption after lunch, but Viljoen, in attempting to drive Wilkinson, played on to his wicket with the ball standing at 281. Viljoen had made exactly 50 in 162 minutes and hit five fours.

G. Bond, next man in, was dismissed by Wilkinson's next ball, a top-spinner, which hit his pads and he was given out leg before wicket. Meanwhile Dalton batted steadily and he and Langton took the score to 373 before he was caught by Edrich off Verity for an invaluable 102, made in 201 minutes.

Dalton's over-driving and he found the ball nine times. Joined by E. Q. Davies, Langton hit out merrily and when Davies was bowled by Verity for a "duck," he had 64 not out, the reward of a hard-hitting innings. He was at the wicket for 106 minutes. He hit Goddard and Wilkinson for sixes, and also claimed five boundaries.

The South African innings, which closed at 390, just before tea, had taken 426 minutes. P. A. Gibb kept wickets for the M.C.C. after lunch instead of Ames, who had a sore finger and fielded at the boundary.

EDRICH FAILS AGAIN

Lending by 32 runs, the M.C.C. batted a second time, opening again with Edrich and Gibb. Edrich failed once more, being caught by Mitchell off Gordon after he made only ten runs. The total was 38.

Gibb and Paynter stayed together until close of play, by which time the English total had been taken to 103. Gibb had 53 to his credit and Paynter 32.

Scores:

M.C.C.—1ST INNS.			
Edrich, c (Slips), b Davies	4		
P. A. Gibb, c Melville, b Mitchell	93		
Paynter, b Mitchell	37		
W. R. Hammond, b Gordon	24		
Ames, c Wade, b Gordon	42		
N. W. D. Yardley, c and b Mitchell	7		
B. H. Valentine, c Wade, b Gordon	97		
Verity, b Dalton	26		
Wilkinson, l.b.w., b Gordon	2		
K. Farnes, b Gordon	0		
Goddard, not out	0		
Extras	10		
Total	422		

Fall of wickets:—1 (Edrich) for 4; 2 (Paynter) for 188; 3 (Hammond) for 234; 4 (Gibb) for 278; 5 (Ames) for 292; 6 (Yardley) for 294; 7 (Verity) for 378; 8 (Wilkinson) for 389; 9 (Farnes) for 415; 10 (Valentine) for 422.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalton	19	0	102	1
Langton	27	5	74	0
Gordon	33.4	3	103	5
Mitchell	22	2	75	3
Dalton	10	1	42	1
Bond	2	0	16	0

SOUTH AFRICA—1ST INNS.

B. Mitchell, b Farnes	73
P. Van Der Byl, l.b.w., b Verity	4
A. Melville, c and b Verity	0



Mrs. Clifford won the ladies' tennis singles championship of the Colony on Saturday when she defeated Miss Madge Griffiths in the final at the U.S.R.C. Picture shows the winner making a backhand return.—Photo by Jaffer.

RUGGER MATCHES AT HOME

The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played to-day:

Exeter	15	Bath	8
Gloucester	15	Universities	11
Leicester	8	A.U.	0
Swansea	8	Barbarians	10
Aberavon	8	London Welsh	3
Cardiff	6	Cross Keys	10
Newport	14	Watsonians	3
Western Super-Mare	21	London Irish	0
		Penarth	7

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

San Francisco, Dec. 26. The inquest on Andre Shaleff, the former welter-weight champion of the Orient, will be held on December 30. The autopsy has revealed kidney hemorrhage and blood clots in the head.

Shaleff died of concussion following a bout with Salvatore who is now being held on a technical charge of manslaughter.

A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73
N. Gordon, st. Ames, b Goddard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102
G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson	0
A. B. C. Langton, not out	64
E. Q. Davies, b Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	300

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	0	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10
Gibb, not out	53
Paynter, not out	8
Extras	2
Total (for 1 wkt.)	103

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 27. In the Sheffield shield games Victoria beat New South Wales, and Queensland need 180 to avoid an innings defeat by South Australia. Scores: Victoria 304 and 179-0, beat New South Wales, 294 and 360. South Australia 402, versus Queensland 131 and 152-4.—Reuter.

Lee Wai-tong Injured In Charity Game

(Continued from Page 8.)

before passing over Duncan's outstretched hands. The fourth goal, scored by Lee, was the best of the match. Securing possession about 30 yards from the goal, he wriggled past Proctor and drove hard for the right hand corner. The ball entered the net with the speed of a bullet with Duncan completely beaten.

FANCY TRICKS

After this, the Chinese players started to play fancy tricks, which pleased the crowd immensely but contributed nothing to the effectiveness of their play. That the Chinese were definitely the better side in the last half hour was only too obvious; there was no need for them to rub it in the way they did.

Considering that they were picked from so many different teams, the Scots gave a surprisingly fine display. They did not last as well as the Chinese, however, and lost a great deal of their dash in the second half. Before they fell away, they gave the Chinese some very anxious moments indeed. Had luck been with them, they might have taken an early lead which would have made the game even closer and better to watch.

Fraser and Blackburne stuck pluckily to their task and Proctor did a prodigious amount of work in the pivotal position. It was not their fault that Scotland lost.

Teams:—China.—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shiu-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu, Hsu King-shing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shiu-wing and Hsu Ching-to.

Scotland.—Duncan; Blackburne, Fraser; Brown, Proctor, Beaton; Munro, Ferrier, Hossack, Howlett and Tait.

LOCAL SOFTBALL

C.B.A. Win Tight Tussle Against Trojans

Holiday Softball provided fans with some thrilling games at King's Park. Only one men's game was played, the Central British nailing out the Trojans by 14-13 in a tight tussle, which featured home runs from both Macnider and Fowler.

On Monday, the Wahos scored gloriously over the Canadian Chinese girls; and yesterday the Cardinals had the better of the Filipino Club, Florrie Wong and Phyllis Gittins clouting homers.

Scores:

	Men	Women
Trojans	13 C.B.A.	14
Wahos	14 Canadian Chl.	9
Cardinals	19 Filipino Club	15



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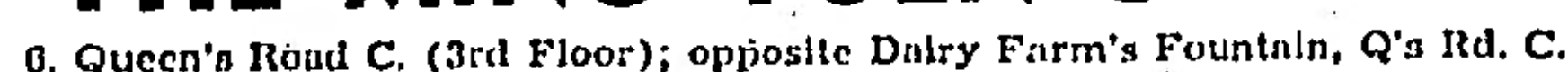
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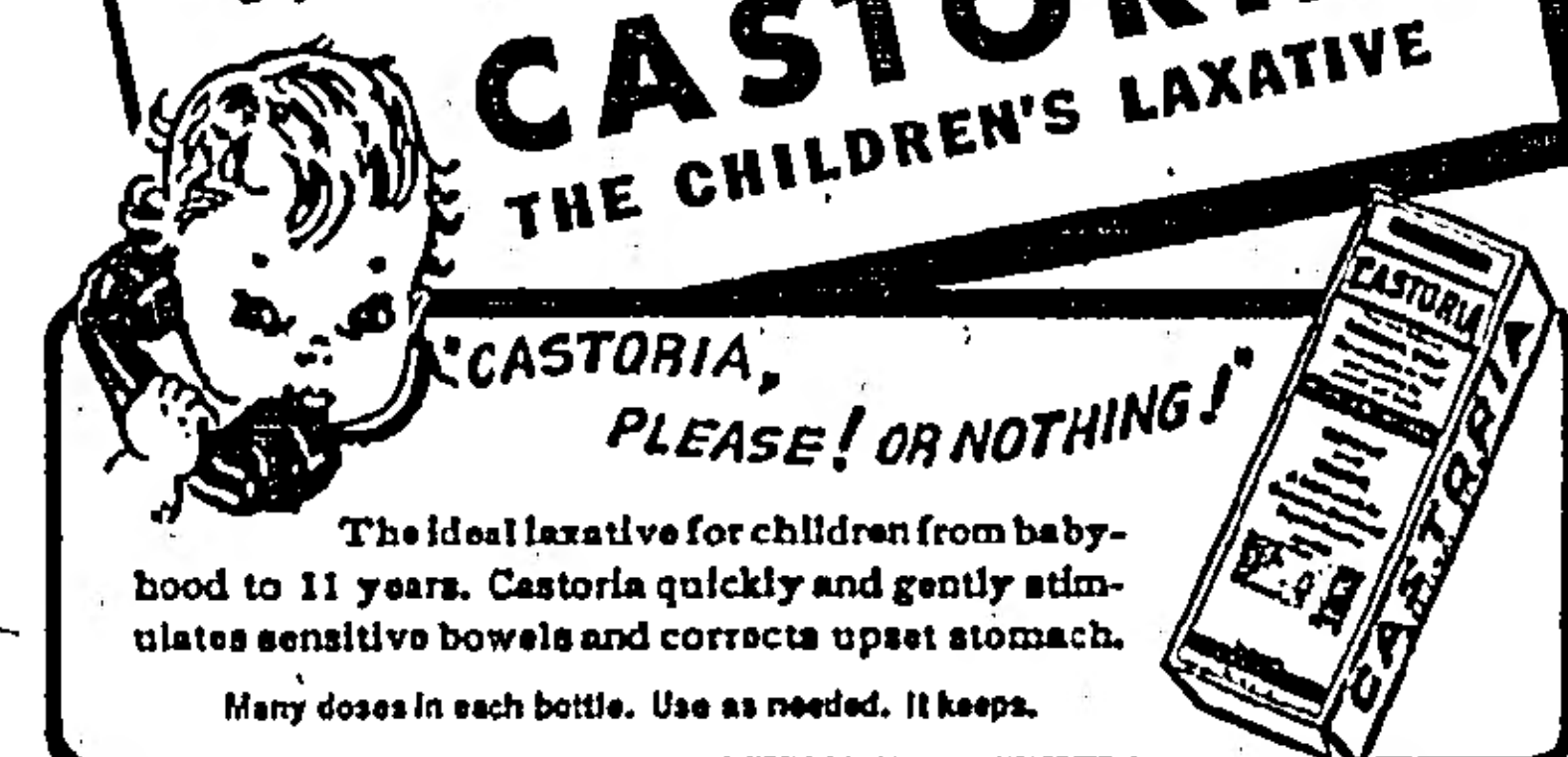
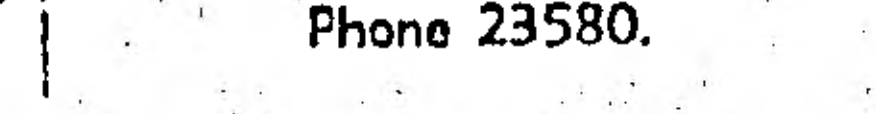
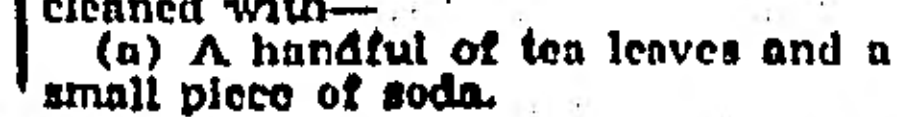
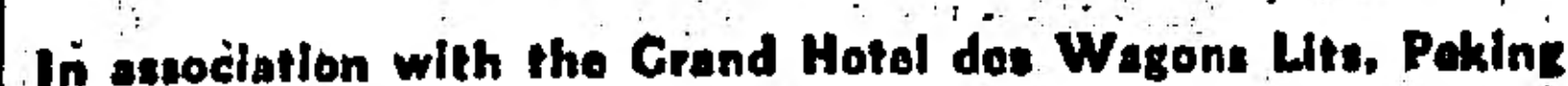
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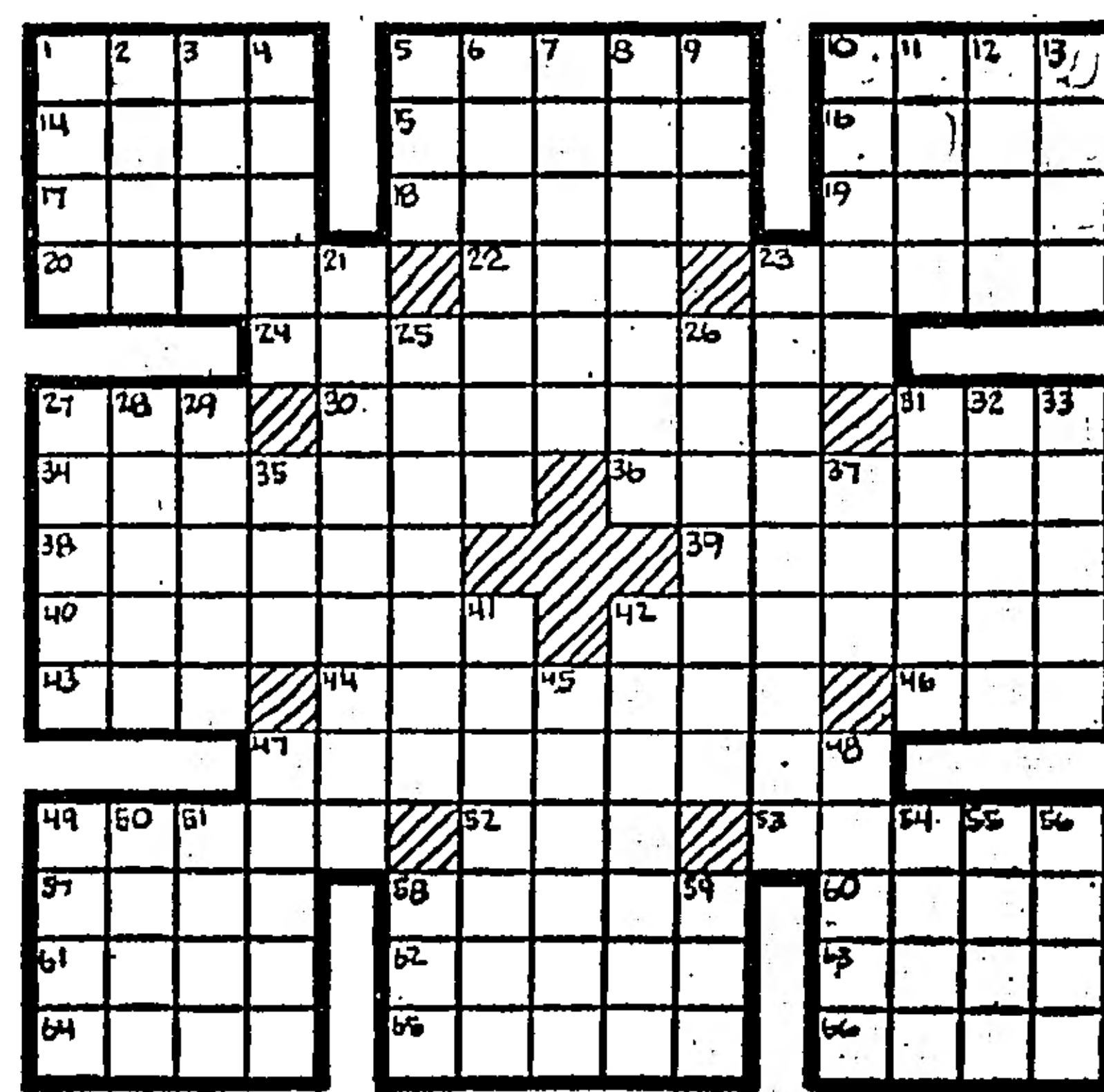


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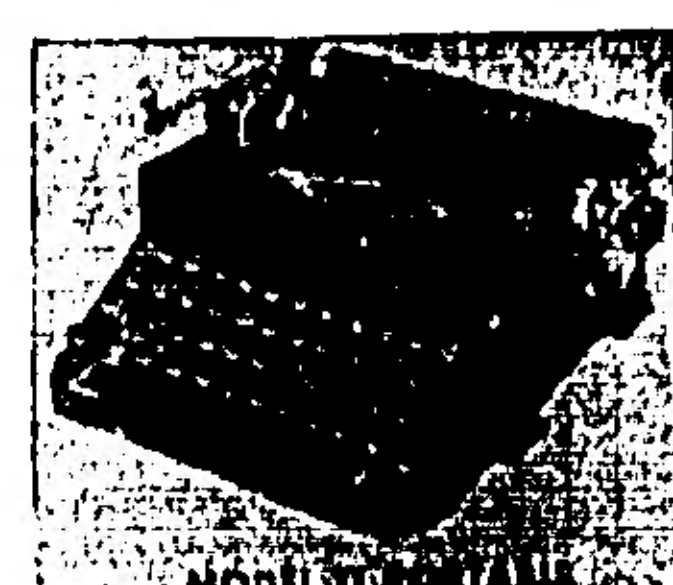
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Mr. R. G. Phillips and Mr. R. Baldwin with Class 3 pupils of the Ying Wa College.—Yuen Chun Studio.



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OBITUARY

Belgian Statesman Known In Hongkong

Brussels, Dec. 27.
Emile Vandervelde, Belgian statesman, died here to-day at the age of 72.

One of the most famous Socialists of the day, M. Vandervelde visited Hongkong on October 20, 1930, in the course of a tour of the Far East when he carried out an extensive lecture campaign. He remained only a few hours in the Colony, before sailing to Canton where he addressed the Kwangtung Provincial Educational Conference.

Born in Brussels in June, 1860, Vandervelde came of a well-to-do family but joined the local branch of the Workers' League at the age of 16. In 1885 he was one of the founders of the Belgian Labour party.

After 1894 he was successively Socialist deputy for Charleroi and Brussels, and for decades held unchallenged the position of leader of the Socialist party.

Given Cabinet rank after the outbreak of the war, he became in 1916, a Minister without portfolio, and in 1918, Minister of Justice. After he had resigned from the Carton de Vinet Government in consequence of having supported a pacifist demonstration he succeeded Ramsay MacDonald as President of the Socialist International and this position he still retained in 1925 in spite of the fact that on June 17, 1925, he had accepted the portfolio of Foreign Affairs in the Pouillet Coalition Cabinet. The Government had to deal with an acute financial crisis due to inflation which led to its fall in May, 1926. Vandervelde retained his post in the Jaspard Ministry which followed. He was largely occupied with the settlement of the Scheldt dispute with Holland. In November he and the other Socialist Ministers demanded the reduction of the period of army service to six months with the result that the Cabinet had to resign. His action in speaking at the unveiling of a monument to Matteotti, the murdered Italian Socialist, had led Mussolini to withdraw the Italian ambassador, who was not restored till Vandervelde ceased to be Foreign Minister.

His first wife was an Englishwoman who during the war recited Verhaeren's poem Carillon on many platforms in England. Their marriage was dissolved in 1925 and in October 1927, Vandervelde married Mme. Jeanne Thybaert-Breckman, a doctor of medicine aged 38, whose previous union had also been dissolved.

A leader of the Opposition Vandervelde continued his campaign for the reduction of military expenditure and armaments. He wrote several books on Belgian Socialism and a work on the Russian revolution.

PANDAS FROM CHINA

London Zoo Secures Three From Hongkong

London, Dec. 27.
The zoo has bought the three giant pandas which arrived here several days ago from Hongkong, under the care of "Animal" Smith. The price was \$2,400.

The two largest animals will remain in seclusion till Easter, but the nine-month-old baby is permitted to receive visitors three hours daily this week.

She is like a huge teddy bear with gentle charming manners. When tickled under the chin, she puts her paw round the visitors' neck. - Reuter.

FANCY DRESS BALL

League of Pals Hold Boxing Day Party

A most enjoyable fancy dress ball was held by members of the League of Pals in the Kowloon Tong Garden City Club on Boxing Night.

Over two hundred members and friends were present. Dancing began at 8.30 p.m. and continued till the early hours of the morning. A band from the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment played excellent music.

The Chief Pal for Hongkong, Mr. E. Heider, said:

I wish to thank you sincerely on behalf of the League of Pals for your kind support. As you know, we are still a young association, and it is very gratifying to us to see that you have so willingly attended our first big function. I trust that at our next function we shall have the pleasure of seeing all of you again and that more members shall by then have joined the League. I must say a word of thanks to the Committee of the Kowloon Tong Club who have so kindly allowed us to hold this function in their beautiful Club, and also to Mr. H. Castro who has been very helpful and has given us valuable advice. A word of thanks must also be given to some of my voluntary helpers, who by their kind co-operation have contributed greatly to the success of this function. I am sure that all of you will agree that the orchestra has also been instrumental in making this affair very and lively.

The following received prizes from Mrs. H. Castro:

Most Original Fancy Dress.—Mrs. M. Ozorio and Mr. R. Castro. Most Elaborate Fancy Dress.—Miss V. Gardner and Mr. E. Alves. Most Comical Fancy Dress.—Miss V. Carvalho and Mr. N. Lee. Prize-winners for Spot Dances.—Mr. Jeffrey, Miss V. White, Mrs. E. C. Fincher and Mr. A. T. Lee.

CHRISTMAS GATHERING

The annual Christmas Gathering of members and friends of the Emmanuel Mission Church was celebrated at the residence of Mrs. Clift on Boxing Night.

After dinner, which was served to about 60 persons, various games were played and later prizes were presented to the winners.

LATE NEWS

LINGNAN STUDIES

Post-Graduate Work Opportunities

Lingnan University, whose enrolment has reached the 500 mark after six weeks of classes held in the Hongkong University premises, has in project two important measures for post-graduate work.

Through the generosity of a friend, Lingnan is offering two fellowships of U.S. \$500 each, for post-graduate study in agriculture at the University of California. Competitive examinations for these fellowships will be held from January 10 to 12 in Hongkong and Shanghai by the Lingnan offices in these places. The examinations will be open to all male graduates in agriculture for the last three years from Lingnan, the University of Nanking, the National Central University, the National Chiao Tung University, the National Chungshan University. The candidates, in addition, must have had at least one year's experience in practical work.

One fellowship provides for specialized study in citrus fruit processing, while the other plans for general work in fruit marketing and transportation. The grants are subject to renewal for another year, and upon return to China the holders are obliged to serve for two years in a position recommended by Lingnan.

In addition, the British Boxer Indemnity Fund Administration has announced two projects for graduates of universities in China, both of which concern Lingnan. The first proposes to establish 125 research assistantships in various Chinese universities. One-third of the candidates for these positions will be nominated by private universities and the remaining number by national or provincial universities. Lingnan will recommend eight candidates, graduates with outstanding scholastic records in 1936, 1937 and 1938. The assistantships will expire in one year, and the place of work will be designated by the Boxer Administration.

This Administration plans also to organize a Szechwan-Sikang survey expedition, staffed by a director, from five to seven specialists, two executive secretaries and 40 college graduates, recommended by various universities, from among the graduates in 1937 and 1938 on the basis of scholastic achievements. Lingnan will nominate four members.

The expedition, financed with a budget of \$50,000 (national currency) will be divided into five smaller sections: geology and mineralogy, science and engineering, economics, the social sciences, and agriculture and forestry. It will work for one year, spending three months for preparation, six months for actual survey, and the last three months for the writing of reports.

TRIED TO OPEN SAFE

Coolie Who Remained Behind in Godown

Charged with the theft of a pen-knife and \$3.38, and with attempted larceny, at the Wing Yuen Godown, 182 Connaught Road West, West Point, before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Monday, an odd-job-coolie, Lau Shing, 32, was sentenced to five weeks' hard labour.

Lau was said to have remained behind inside the godown after work, a few days ago, and then stole the knife and money. He was discovered, however, and it was found that a safe had been ripped open. This formed the subject of the second charge.

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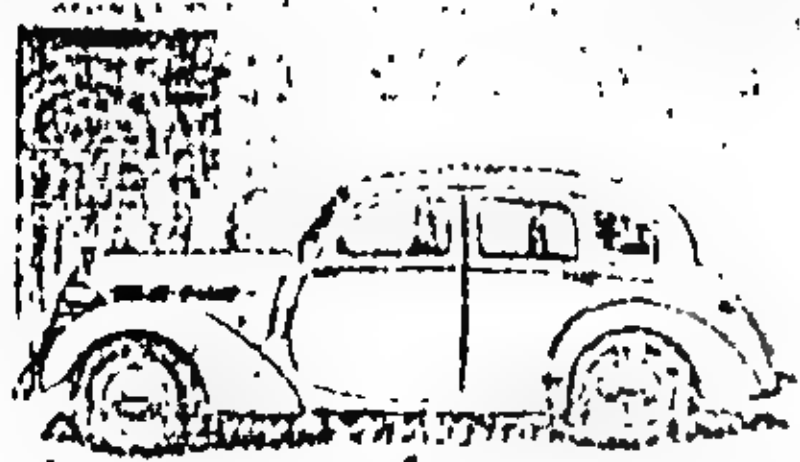
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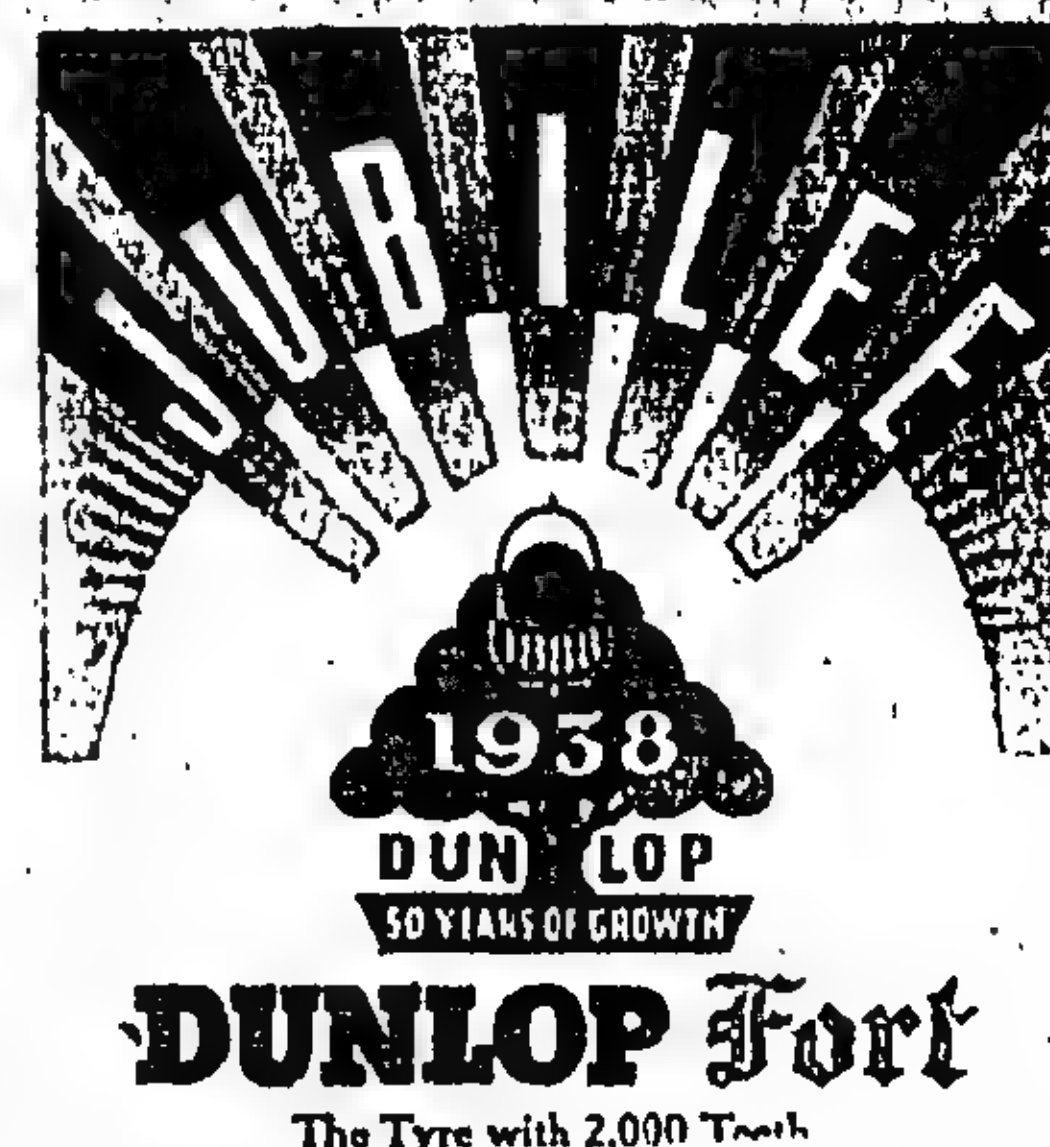
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Troop Movements Reported Near French Somaliland

FRANCO-ITALIAN TENSION FLARES AT ROME'S WARLIKE PREPARATIONS

PARIS JITTERY AT RUMOURS

PARIS, DEC. 27.

A REPORT THAT THE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN ABYSSINIA ARE THREATENING TO MARCH ON DJIBOUTI, IS PUBLISHED BY "PERTINAX" IN THE NEWSPAPER "ORDRE".

The article says that the Italian authorities are proclaiming that it is only a question of time before they march there, and the French are thrown into the sea.

Italian troop movements are reported. For example, the Askaris are being sent to West Abyssinia relieving contingents of Gallas who are being sent eastward.

Roads, seemingly intended for military transport, have been built from Assab towards the French frontier.

The French have only numerically weak detachments at Djibouti, whereas the Italians have 90,000 soldiers, 130,000 white labourers, and 150,000 native labourers, though 185 miles of desert separate them from the French colony, with hostile populations around.

"Pertinax" says that it is by maritime power that the Italians in Abyssinia must be kept in check. The Babel Mandeb Straits can be defended as a result of Anglo-French co-operation at Djibouti and Aden, and it is stated that measures for such co-operation were taken in December, 1935.

Madame Tabouis, writing in "L'Oeuvre" says the idea seems to be to take French Somaliland from the rear, while Djibouti is attacked from the air.

She mentions the reported suggestion that France should submit to the Hague Court, the question of 700 Italian troops, six months ago, occupying posts in what is claimed to be French territory 50 miles from Djibouti. —Reuter.

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French Socialist Party Drops Pacifist Policy

PARIS, DEC. 27.

BY 4,322 VOTES TO 2,837, the French Socialist Party has agreed upon a radical departure from its former policy of pacifism in foreign affairs.

In a vote on three resolutions on foreign policy submitted to the plenary session of the extraordinary national party congress by M. Leon, the pacifist group secured only 60 votes, while an amendment to M. Blum's motion was defeated 4,322 to 2,837, with 1,014 abstentions.

M. Blum's motion denounced the policy of appeasement as initiated by the Munich Agreement, supported the efforts of the Daladier Government to re-arm France at every cost, denounced pacifism (previously the Party's strongest plank) as a policy for peace, and pledged its co-operation to the fullest extent in any war in which France may become involved in defending the integrity of its soil.

"If," said M. Blum, "it is a question of war or servitude, the Socialist Party will choose war."

The vote was taken after a lengthy debate during which representatives of the various groups presented their viewpoints.

The representative of the Integral Pacifist Group declared himself to be opposed to rearmament efforts of any kind, and demanded a disarmament gesture instead.

Several delegates made a last attempt to find a compromise between the Blum and Faure resolutions.

M. Faure declared that he would continue to defend his ideas within the party even in the event of the defeat of his resolution.

He emphasised that friendship between himself and M. Blum was not affected by the fact that they did not see eye to eye in matters of foreign policy.

M. Faure then pointed out that the Munich agreement had not been sufficiently exploited for the purposes of peace. He warned against an armament race, in which the totalitarian States were bound to emerge as winners, since Germany's "potential for war" was far greater than France's.

He therefore recommended continuation of endeavours for appeasement, and a peace gesture by the French.

His amendment was rejected.



JAPANESE SHIPPING on the Yangtse River near Anking is still being harassed by Chinese guerrilla sharpshooters on the banks of the river. The photograph shows a Japanese Army supply ship, proceeding up-river with supplies, heavily guarded by armed soldiers.

New Refugee Shelter

CHUNGKING, DEC. 27.

A Shanghai despatch received here states that the newly constructed refugee shelter in the western district of Shanghai will shortly be opened for the accommodation of war victims.

With a capacity for 5,000 people, the shelter is equipped with electricity and water supplies and is expected to relieve to some extent the congestion in other camps.

Despite energetic efforts by the authorities to move them to the interior places, there still remain about 100,000 refugees in Shanghai. It is learned. —Central News.

FRANCO'S DRIVE BROUGHT TO HALT

BARCELONA, DEC. 27.

ALL REPORTS FROM ARMY MEN in the Gogull sector state that the Loyalists have halted the Insurgent attacks, and are holding firm around Gogull, where Italians are concentrating as the spearhead of the attack.

Chamberlain To Visit Vatican

MILAN, DEC. 27.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN and Viscount Halifax will be received in private audience by His Holiness the Pope on the day following their arrival in Rome.

After their audience with the Pope, they will attend a luncheon given by Mr. Francis D'Arcy Osborne, the British Minister-Plepotentiary to the Vatican.

Special interest is attached to this visit of the British statesmen to the Vatican, in view of the fact that Viscount Halifax's father took a prominent part in the movement which aims at reunifying the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. —Trans-Ocean.

ENGLAND BEGINS TO THAW

LONDON, DEC. 27.

A steady and rapid thaw set in yesterday afternoon and traces of last week's severe weather are quickly disappearing.

Nevertheless many isolated villages remain snowbound, and in Lincolnshire gangs of labourers, fifty to a hundred strong, are working to cut a way through to stranded country people, with whom there has been no communication owing to interruption of the telephone service. —British Wireless.

Australians Seek Pact

LONDON, DEC. 27.

A DEPUTATION of Australian trade experts have begun negotiations in Washington for a new trade agreement.

Similar negotiations will later be conducted in Ottawa. The deputation is headed by the Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Stanley M. Bruce.

It is intimated here that the new trade negotiations have been rendered necessary by the Anglo-American trade agreement, signed recently. —Trans-Ocean.

AVALANCHE KILLS 93

TOKYO, DEC. 27.

NINETY-THREE WORKERS were entombed in an avalanche which swept the water-power station under construction at Shidai on Saturday morning.

Up to 4 p.m. 39 bodies were recovered and 11 were found seriously injured. The fate of 43 was still unknown.

Led by local police forces, rescue parties including some 300 members of fire-brigades and young men's associations rushed to the scene and were continuing efforts to extricate the remainder. —Domei.

CLYDE HAS BEST YEAR

LONDON, DEC. 27.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDING has just had its best year since 1930.

No less than 117 vessels, aggregating 443,615 tons were floated, and engineering firms produced marine machinery of a total of 914,000 indicated horse-power. —British Wireless.

JAPAN'S BOMBERS AGAIN ACTIVE

JAPANESE NAVAL AND ARMY BOMBERS, which on Sunday and Monday, carried out widespread raids on cities and towns throughout China, repeated their rain of death yesterday.

Eighteen planes bombed Liuchow, an important city in central Kwangsi, where over fifty bombs were dropped.

Tungyamen, in eastern Shansi, was also bombed by Japanese machines which firstly reconnoitered over a wide area in the province, visiting the cities of Hancheng, Pucheng, Tahi and Weinan.

Chinese anti-aircraft guns went into action against a lone Japanese bomber which flew over Nanchang, the impregnable city at the terminus of the railway with Kiukiang.

No bombs were dropped.

Taungtu, 30 miles north-east of Canton, which was recently a Japanese objective but is now firmly in Chinese hands, was bombed by several invading planes.

On Sunday and Monday, Japanese planes carried out a devastating series of raids on China, bombing five provincial capitals as well as a large number of smaller cities and towns. They appeared over Chungking for the fifth time since the outbreak of hostilities, and bombed Ichabodie Changsha, Sian, and Kweilin.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

AIR MAIL DELAYED

NO MORE AIR mails will arrive in Hongkong until Saturday.

This is a result of the wild spell of cold weather that has swept Europe during the past fortnight.

During one stage it completely disorganised trans-Continental air services, including the Imperial Airways Empire services.

Outward Imperial Airways planes were held up at Southampton, inward planes at Marseilles.

As a result, there is no mail at Singapore for the Hongkong feeder service planes to collect.

Australian mail which will arrive there before the end of the week will be held until Friday, when planes will bring both Australian and Hongkong mail to Hongkong.

Delay until Saturday will mean that Hongkong will be nine days without mail.

Wife Gives Husband To "Other Woman"

THE legal wife of a man who had been convicted of bigamy at the Old Bailey recently met "the other woman" in the yard of the court after the proceedings and discussed with her who had the greater claim on the man.

Each woman had thought herself the wife of Joseph Dermot Hayden, a 20-years-old coach trimmer, who had evaded 400 miles from Edinburgh to answer a charge of bigamy, to which he pleaded guilty, and who was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Mrs. Doris Hayden, the legal and childless wife, and Miss Nancy Gouldsmith, the bigamous "wife" with two babies, were the women who were faced with this domestic problem.

In court prosecuting counsel had stated that they were both fond of Hayden and wanted him back.

OLD MEMORIES

Mrs. Hayden said: "I found it was easy to give him up when he was not in my sight, but seeing him again brought back old memories and a desire for reunion."

"But," she added, looking at petite, and-faced Miss Gouldsmith, "it would be a greater hardship for her. She has two babies of his to look after, whereas I have never had a penny from him and am now looking after myself."

Miss Gouldsmith said ruefully: "Of course, with two young children, I cannot work. I was absolutely dependent on him. Mrs. Hayden has first claim, as she is the legal wife."

The talk continued, and then Mrs. Hayden said:

"Miss Gouldsmith has the greater claim on my husband. I am willing to obtain a divorce so that she can marry him, and I wish them every happiness."

"Thank you," Miss Gouldsmith muttered.

WINDSOR CASTLE WEDDING

The King is lending the State rooms of Windsor Castle for the wedding reception on January 25 of the Hon. Anne Wigram, daughter of Lord Wigram, Permanent Lord-in-Waiting to the King.

The Hon. Anne Wigram is marrying Mr. John Leslie Harvey, elder son of the late Col. John Harvey and Mrs. Harvey, of Ringstead Bury, Norfolk.

ROYAL GUESTS

The ceremony will be in St. George's Chapel, Windsor. It will be the first wedding to take place there for nearly a quarter of a century.

The King and Queen, Queen Mary, and other members of the Royal Family are expected to be among the several hundred guests.

The Dean of Windsor, Dr. A. V. Baillie, will officiate.

Lord Wigram is Deputy Constable and Lieutenant-Governor of Windsor Castle. He and Lady Wigram live in the Norman Tower of the Castle.



Group photograph taken at the recent Christmas Gala Dance held at the Cheero Club—King's Studio.

Cast Lots In Cafe To Kill Prince

NEW YORK. MEN muttering in a guarded room at the rear of a smoke-laden New York cafe cast lots as to who should attempt to assassinate Prince Paul, Regent of Yugoslavia, who unexpectedly left England recently for Belgrade.

Concealed in the room was a dictaphone, and not far away sat detective listening to every word.

Three of the twenty men were now believed to be bound for Europe.

Originally twenty men were to go to Europe, to attempt to waylay Prince Paul on his journey home.

But apparently only three sailed. An ace New York detective first discovered the plot in the cafe which is frequented by people from the Balkans.

His name is being kept secret in case terrorists attempt to avenge themselves on him.

The detective was slipping his drink when he suddenly heard the name of Prince Paul and something about killing.

Peering over his newspaper, he saw men sitting at a table, holding playing cards. But no game was in progress.

He listened intently, learned that they had sworn not to rest until Prince Paul had died.

Their plot, he heard, was to be discussed again at a later date in a private room.

New York's alien squad, told of the plot, installed a dictaphone in the meeting room.

They were listening in when the players gathered to pick the assassins. They heard that at least twenty were to go to Europe on the mission of death. Instructions were to be given at a secret meeting arranged for a Saturday night.

But when detectives invaded the hall they learned that three killers had already been chosen from the twenty and had sailed.

New York police cabled Scotland Yard of the plot, and a few hours before the expected arrival in England, Prince Paul, heavily guarded, left Dover for Belgrade.

This abrupt end to Prince Paul's plans for a prolonged London visit, according to New York police circles is to forestall any attempt on his life.

'Phantom' Rang Up Victims He Robbed

IPSWICH (Suffolk). POLICE believe a "phantom" thief is responsible for the mysterious phone calls which have been worrying Ipswich shopkeepers.

Several times a day merchants have answered their telephones only to hear the click of a receiver being replaced—and silence.

Police, busy trying to solve a series of robberies carried out over the week-end, think the phone calls were a ruse to find out whether shops were occupied.

The "phantom" entered a confectionery shop, a jeweller's, and a gown store, opening "burglar-proof" locks with apparent ease, and thoughtfully locking the doors behind him as he went.

Doctor With a Secret Worry: Suicide in Epping Forest

Faith Healers Not Wicked, Says Judge

"YOU are not wicked because you have done what you thought to be right," said Mr. Justice Oliver at Derby Assizes recently to two Christian Scientists who had been accused of the manslaughter of the nine-years-old daughter of one of them.

Leonard Dutton, aged 41, of Markcton Park Lodge, Derby, a head gardener in the employ of the corporation, the father of the child, and Christobel Martha Charlton, aged 70, widow, of Darley Park-road, Derby, pleaded Not Guilty to the manslaughter charge.

Dutton pleaded Guilty to a charge of wilfully neglecting the child, and Charlton pleaded Guilty to aiding and abetting.

CHILD DIED

They were formally acquitted of the manslaughter charge and were set free.

Mr. F. H. Wallace, who prosecuted, said that the child died on May 2 after a slight attack of rheumatic fever, which had commenced on April 1. A doctor was summoned for the first time early on May 2.

Dutton and Charlton were honest and conscientious in their convictions, but he contended that "in their blind faith they sealed their eyes and saw not."

Mr. Justice Oliver said that people could not be allowed to set up for themselves, by reason of some religious belief, standards that operated against the duty the law imposed upon them.

Clung Four Days To Rock In Rapids

GEORGETOWN (British Guiana). AFTER clinging four days to a rock in swirling rapids, a British official and a scientific explorer have been rescued by Indians in British Guiana.

The men were Mr. Baldwin, of the British boundary commission, and Mr. Emmet Black, of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

When 50 miles up the Corentyne River their boat was wrecked at the King William Falls, and they had to struggle for their lives in the rushing water. They were nearly swept away by the current, but succeeded in reaching a small rock.

There they were marooned without food. All valuable scientific equipment belonging to Mr. Black's expedition was lost.

After four days the Indians came to their rescue in canoes.

A LETTER expressing his sorrow at the "great tragedy and disgrace to my family" was mentioned at the Waltham Abbey inquest recently on Dr. Heber Alfred Brook, aged 25, who was found dead in Epping Forest.

Widespread search had been made for Dr. Brook, who was a ship's doctor, after an SOS was broadcast following his disappearance from his home at Baslow, Derbyshire.

Noel Wynn Brook, company director, of Millhouse-lane, Sheffield, said that on November 8 his brother left Baslow to take a post as locum tenens at Kensington.

SHANGHAI FRIEND "He was not engaged to be married, although he had met a lady in Shanghai. My brother's health had not been very good."

Geoffrey Francis Somerset, of Sussex-gardens, London, a medical student friend, said that he went to St. Pancras with Dr. Brook's brother and among luggage that had been left there was an empty tube which had contained morphine tablets.

P. C. Wiseman said that he found an empty barrel-type syringe, in the man's clothing were two needles, one of which had apparently been used.

Dr. K. Simpson, pathologist at Guy's hospital, said death had taken place about four weeks before the body was found.

MARK ON ARM There were no signs of violence except a hypodermic syringe mark on the left forearm. "I am satisfied," he added, "that death was due to morphine poisoning."

Summing up, the coroner said Brook was apparently depressed for some reason which he did not know, and about which he did not speak. He was suffering from a trifling complaint, for which he could easily have received treatment.

Verdict: Suicide while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

LONDON POST Dr. Brook graduated at Cambridge and London and was trained at University College Hospital. Before taking up a post as a ship's surgeon he was at Nelson Hospital, Merton.

They Seek The Premier's Shirt

The Prime Minister's old shirts are in request. One has been asked for from America.

Mrs. Neville Chamberlain mentioned this recently when attending an exhibition of home crafts at the New Horticultural Hall.

At No. 10, Downing Street, Mrs. Chamberlain said she had no intention of sending one of the Premier's old shirts to America—or anywhere else.

"Since the crisis we have received many requests for personal belongings—mostly for Mr. Chamberlain's umbrella," it was added.

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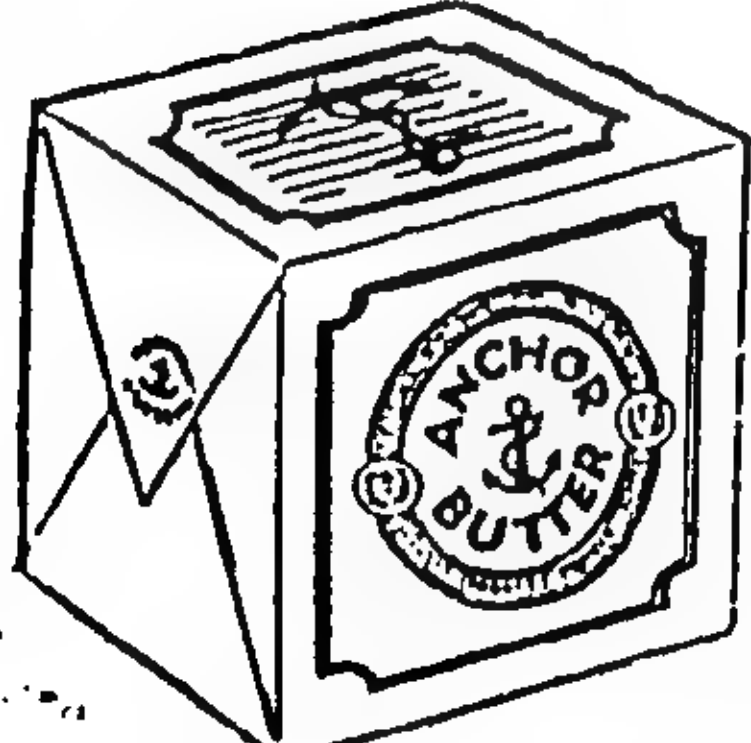
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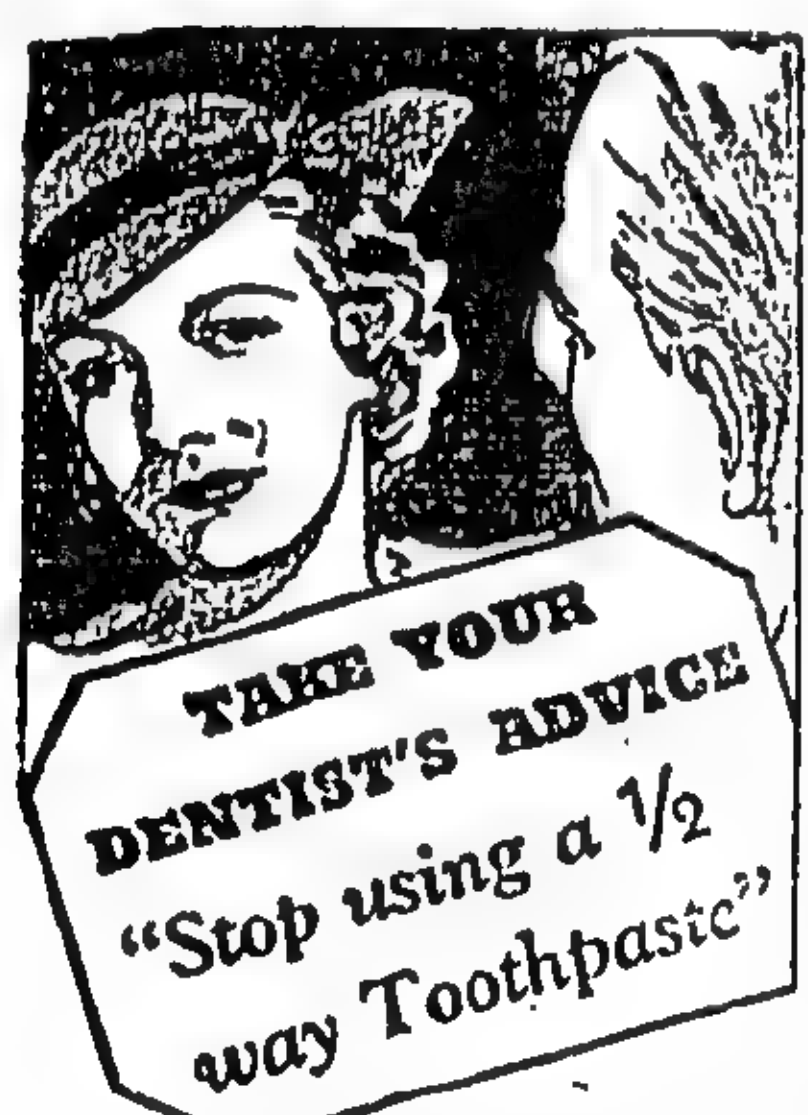
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Flaw In Navy Mobilisation

A serious flaw in the Navy's mobilisation plans was revealed during the recent emergency. As the defect could easily be remedied it is in the public interest that the facts should be made known.

The first stage of the mobilisation, in which the main Fleet was brought up to war strength in personnel, passed off smoothly enough. It was a very different matter when it came to providing officers for the Reserve Fleet and second-line ships in general.

Hundreds of retired naval officers were called up or offered their services. Retired executives of Lieut.-Commander rank are liable to recall up to the age of 60, and Commanders up to 65. It appears, however, that no record is kept of their past services, state of physical fitness, or activities since retirement.

As the emergency proved, the inevitable result is that on joining the Service many are appointed to posts for which they are unqualified, or where their special qualifications are wasted. The following are two examples out of the many brought to my notice:

A Lieut.-commander who retired in 1927 has followed the sea practically ever since, first as master of an oil tanker and later as an official in the whaling industry in the Pacific and Antarctic. On reporting to the Admiralty for war service he was appointed to an office on shore.

SECOND APPOINTMENT

He drew attention to his special fitness for sea service, but was told that in view of the confusion prevailing the appointment could not be altered. A few days later, however, he received a further appointment to command travellers. Before he could take it up the emergency was over. He, therefore, received no pay or compensation whatever, although he had forfeited an excellent position to join up.

Another Lieut.-commander, who had been invalided out of the Service as a result of severe tropical disease, was medically warned never to go to the tropics again. Yet on reporting for war duty in September he found himself appointed to a shore billet at Aden.

These, and other anomalies, which could be multiplied indefinitely, could easily be avoided if the Admiralty showed more interest in officers who, although on the retired

Tennis Star's Cliff Search For Dog

Lawn tennis players joined with coastguards in a vain search in dark and squally rain on a cliff edge at Torquay recently for a black Chow dog belonging to Miss Betty Nuthall.

The dog jumped out of a car and vanished over the cliff edge. It was thought to have been caught in the darkness no trace could be found of it and the search was abandoned until the morning.

Miss Nuthall has been playing in a covered courts tournament at Torquay.

list, are always liable to be recalled in an emergency. It is suggested that all retired officers up to a certain age should be medically examined at least every three years at the expense of the Admiralty, assigned to suitable war appointments, and given a refresher course in one or more of the subjects in which they formerly specialised.

Truant Boy Fell 70ft. To Death In Shaft

A seven-year-old boy who was killed by falling down a disused mine shaft at St. Just, Cornwall, was stated at the inquest recently to have been playing truant from school.

Search parties found him after hearing moans from the shaft. He was seen on a ledge a few feet below the surface, but before he could be rescued he fell a further 70ft., and was dead when reached.

The boy, Ronald Matthews Carbis, of Boscastle, Pendeen, St. Just, was the son of a miner, and his body was recovered by another miner, Edgar Jenkins, of Camborne, who was lowered by a windlass down the shaft.

"VERY NOBLE EFFORT" Jenkins said he found the boy on a rock with a ladder resting on his head. He was dead.

The coroner, recording a verdict of "Accidental death," praised the efforts of the searchers and Jenkins for his "very noble effort in descending the shaft, which was unknown to him."

"It calls for my admiration," said the coroner.

Riddle Of U.S. Woman In Thames

POLICE are investigating the death of 60-year-old Miss Rosalind Wheeler, an American, who was found in the Thames at Kingston recently.

Miss Wheeler was well known as a hostess to Americans visiting Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of George Washington.

Her body had been in the water two days. Inquiries have established that she left her home, the Wool House, Sulgrave, last week-end for a business trip to London. She had been staying at an hotel in St. James's-place, S.W.

"Miss Wheeler came to this country in 1915," Mrs. Carter, wife of the caretaker of Sulgrave Manor, said. "She had lived in the village about three years."

"She entertained a number of Americans who came to visit the manor, but she was quiet and reserved, and little was known of her here. She was a tall, stately lady."

Miss Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Train, of Grosvenor-court, Sloane-street, said: "I can throw no light on my sister's death, or explain how she came to be found at Kingston."

108, Could Not Stay In Bed

England's oldest woman, Mrs. Emma Coate, of Greenway, North Curry, near Taunton, was 108 recently.

And she was so excited that she got up an hour earlier than usual.

"I could not sleep or stay in bed any longer," she said. "I had to come down to see what the postman had brought."

So, dressing herself in her Sunday best, she went down stairs without any aid from her great niece, Mrs. Foster, with whom she lives.

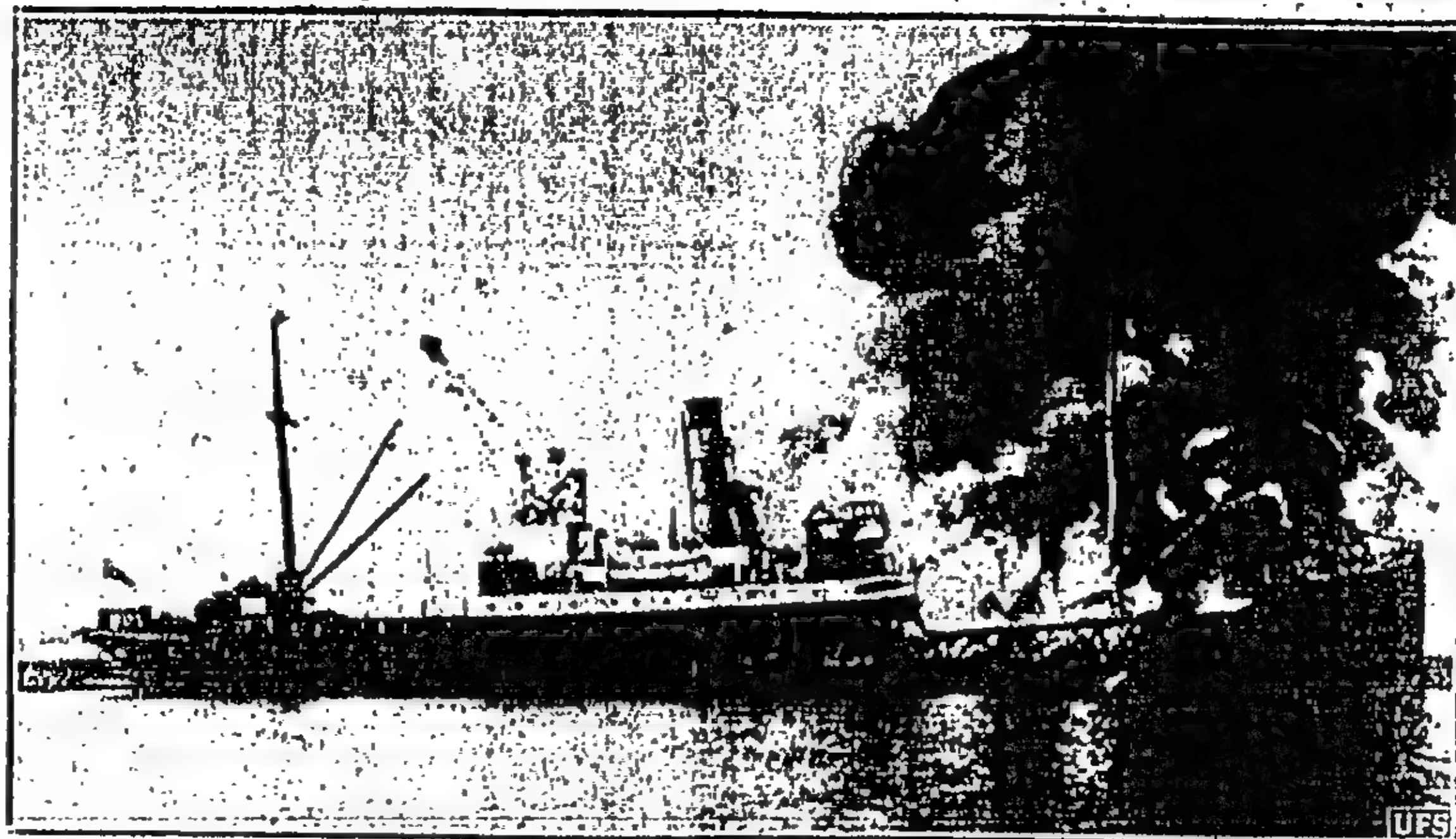
Awailing her was a "fan mail" of over 60 letters and telegrams and many birthday presents. There were letters and cards from people in all parts of the country and from relatives in Australia and America.

But what pleased her most was the large number of boxes of chocolates she had received, for she still has a sweet tooth.

"I am still able to take walks, but I cannot go as far as I used to do," she confessed. "I do not want too much excitement now."

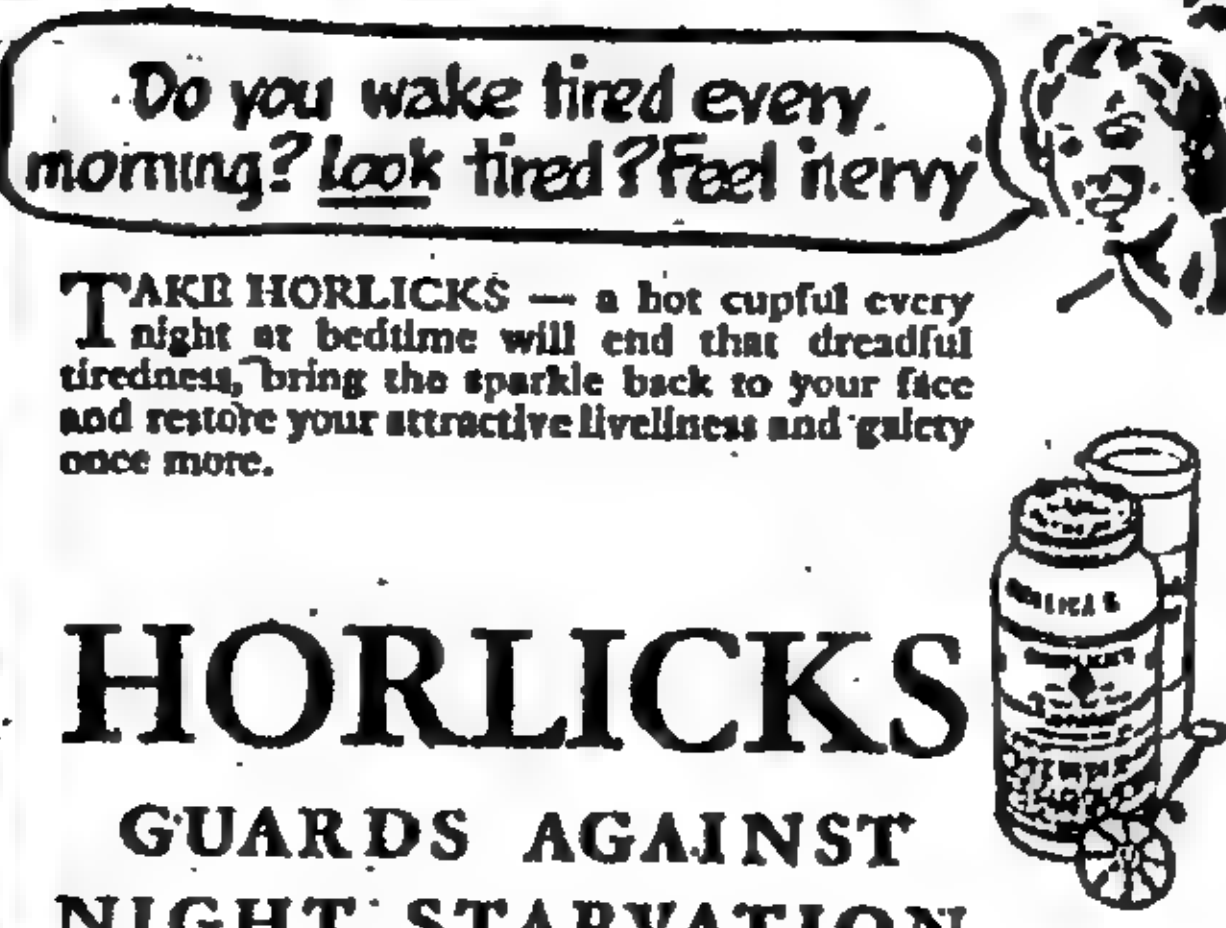
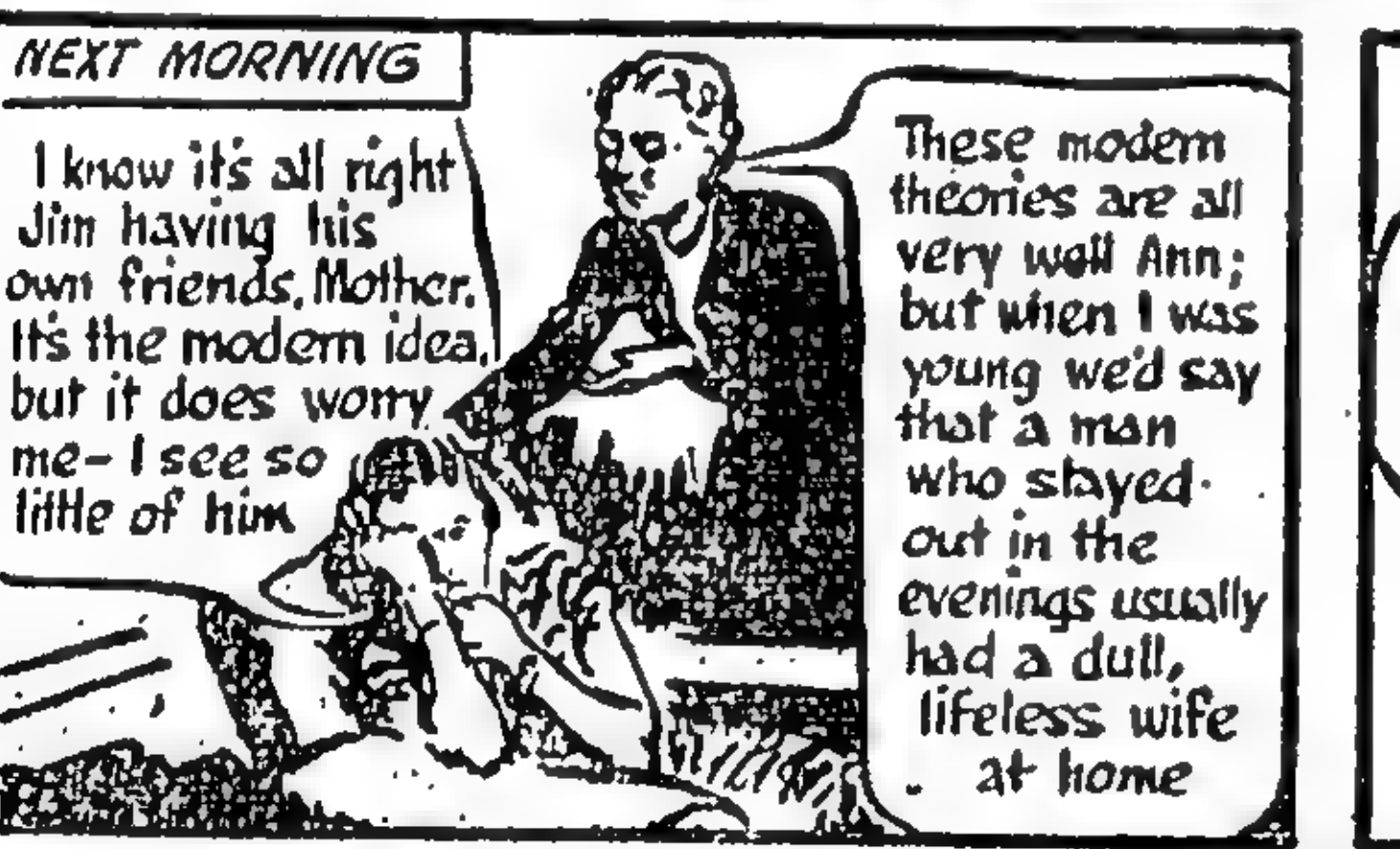
Vagrant Wears Six Shirts

Los Angeles. John Rix, 70-year-old vagrant, has solved the art of travelling without baggage. When arrested he was wearing his entire stock of four pairs of overalls and six shirts. Whenever his shoes wear out, he replaces them on the spot by cutting new ones out of the first coat away auto casing he finds.



Investigations were started in Marseilles, France, after a mysterious explosion aboard the British ship Stanburgh set fire to the ship off the French town of Sète, and sent her to the bottom. Crew of a French lighter alongside was loading oil when the explosion occurred, and some were injured. Above, the ship burning furiously.

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Mar. (1939)	7.90/88	7.85/85
May (1939)	7.57/57	7.54/54
Oct. (1939)	7.57/57	7.54/54
Dec. (1939)		
New York Rubber		
December	16.71A	
Mar. (1939)	16.49/49	16.58/58
May	16.48/48	16.48/50A
September		16.48/50A
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Sales for the day: 1,530 tons.		
Chicago Wheat		
May	67 1/2/67 1/2	68 1/4/68
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September		68 1/4/68 1/4
Saturday's Sales: 4,516,000 bushels.		
Chicago Corn		
May	52 1/2/52 1/2	52 1/2/52 1/2
July	53 1/2/53 1/2	53 1/2/53 1/2
September		53 1/2/53 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat		
December	61 1/4/61 1/4	
May	62 1/4/62 1/4	62 1/4/62 1/4
July	62 1/4/62 1/4	62 1/4/62 1/4

Nazis "Aryanise" Jewish Shops

Berlin, Dec. 27.
Of the 3,750 Jewish retail shops in Berlin, 1,200 have been "judged suitable for Aryanisation" from January 1, says the newspaper "Nachtausgabe" which states that 700 of these have already passed into Aryan hands, while there have been no purchases for the remaining 500. All other formerly Jewish-owned shops will be definitely closed down, it having been intimated that there is no demand for them.—Trans-Ocean.

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D. A. PETERS,
Hon. Secretary.
December 22, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

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H.K. Bank, Ltd.	81 n.
Chartered Bank, Ltd.	9 1/2 n.
Messageries Maritimes	27 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, Ltd.	13 n.
East Asia Bank, Ltd.	88 n.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins.	200 n.
Union Ins.	495 n.
China Underwriters, Ltd.	70 s.
H.K. Fire Ins.	178 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas, S.	62 b.
Steamboats, Ltd.	18 n.
Indo-China, P.	500 n.
Indo-China, D.	524 n.
Shell Bearers, Ltd.	80/7 1/2 n.
Waterboats, Ltd.	9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves, Ltd.	\$115 b.
Docks (old)	\$18 1/2 b.
Docks (new)	\$17 1/2 b.
Providents (old)	\$0.35 b.
Providents (new)	\$0.15/20 b.
New Entr. Sh.	\$9.60 n.
Shin. Docks, Sh.	\$100 n.
Kwai Sun, Ltd.	\$17 1/2 b.
Knobs	\$9.35 n.
Venz, Goldfield	\$3 n.
Hongkong Mines	7 1/2 cts. n.

MINING

Antamoks, Ps.	52 sa.
Alouks, Ps.	27 sa.
Buguo Gold, Ps.	24 sa.
Hengkuat Con. Ps.	14.50 sa.
Coco Grove, Ps.	51 sa.
Con. Mines, Ps.	803 sa.
Demonstrations, Ps.	28 1/2 sa.
I.X.L. Ps.	12 sa.
Gumus, Ps.	12 sa.
San Maurice, Ps.	1.10 sa.
Suyoc Consl. Ps.	21 sa.
Paracales, Ps.	63 sa.

LANDS

Hotels	\$0 1/4 s.
Lands	36 b.
Lands 4% deb.	\$107 1/2 n.
Shin. Lands, Sh.	\$9 1/4 n.
Humphreys	\$0 b.
H.K. Realities	\$5 b.
Chinese Estates	\$80 n.

UTILITIES

Tram, S.	17.20 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	\$6 1/4 n.
Peak Trams (new)	\$3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries	\$7 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old)	\$22 1/2 s.
Y. Ferries (new)	\$22 1/2 s.
China Light	\$9.70 s.
China Light Rights	\$4 n.
H.K. Electric	\$57 1/2 s.
Macao Electric	\$17 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	\$10.00 s.
Telephone (old)	\$23 n.
Telephone (new)	\$5.00 n.
Traction, S/-	21/3 n.
Singapore Pref. S/-	25/- n.

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Cald. Mng. (Pre.), Sh.	\$13 n.
Canton Ice	\$1.70 n.
Cements	\$15 1/2 s.
Ropes	\$4.25 n.

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Watsons	\$7.45 b.
Crawfords	\$8 s.
Sinceres	\$2 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$30 n.
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Zong Sing, Sh.	24 n.
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The N.D.L. liner Potsdam will leave here for Shanghai and Japan at 9 p.m.

France Will Convert Big Railway Debt

Paris, Dec. 27.
The Finance Minister, in a broadcast to the nation to-day, announced the conversion to a four per cent. basis of the entire external debt of the French railways, amounting to 3,500,000,000 francs, which is now issued at from five to six per cent.

The new loan will run for 30 years, and will be convertible after three years.
It is to be issued at 95.
An official announcement of the loan states that France has negotiated a loan of £20,000,000 from a group of Swiss and Dutch banks, and that £12,000,000 will be placed in Holland and £8,000,000 in Switzerland, but the public issue in Holland will be only £8,000,000 as £4,000,000 were placed before the issue.—Reuter.

Rail Disaster In Rumania

Bucharest, Dec. 27.
It has been possible to identify 52 of the victims of the railway catastrophe which occurred on Saturday night (and reported in the "Telegraph" yesterday), while 41 others have been mentioned beyond all recognition.
Telephone communications in Rumania have not yet been re-established and the whole country is still in a state of respect from abroad.
The explanation of the delay in obtaining information concerning the full extent of the disaster, although the scene of the accident is less than 20 miles from Galatz.
All goods traffic on Rumanian railways has been suspended until further notice as a precautionary measure, in view of the exceptionally heavy snowfall.—Trans-Ocean.

Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Manila	57 1/2
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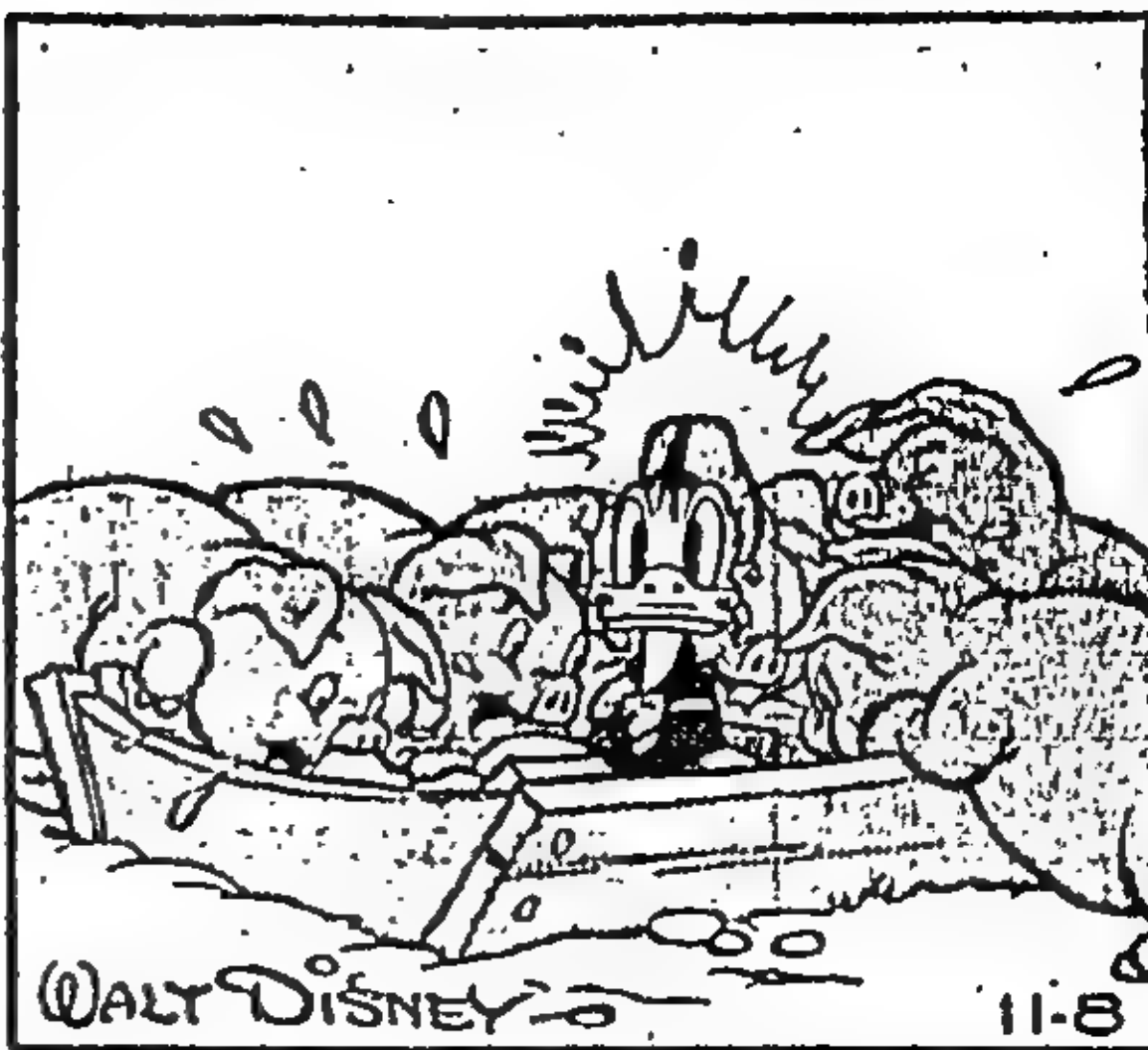
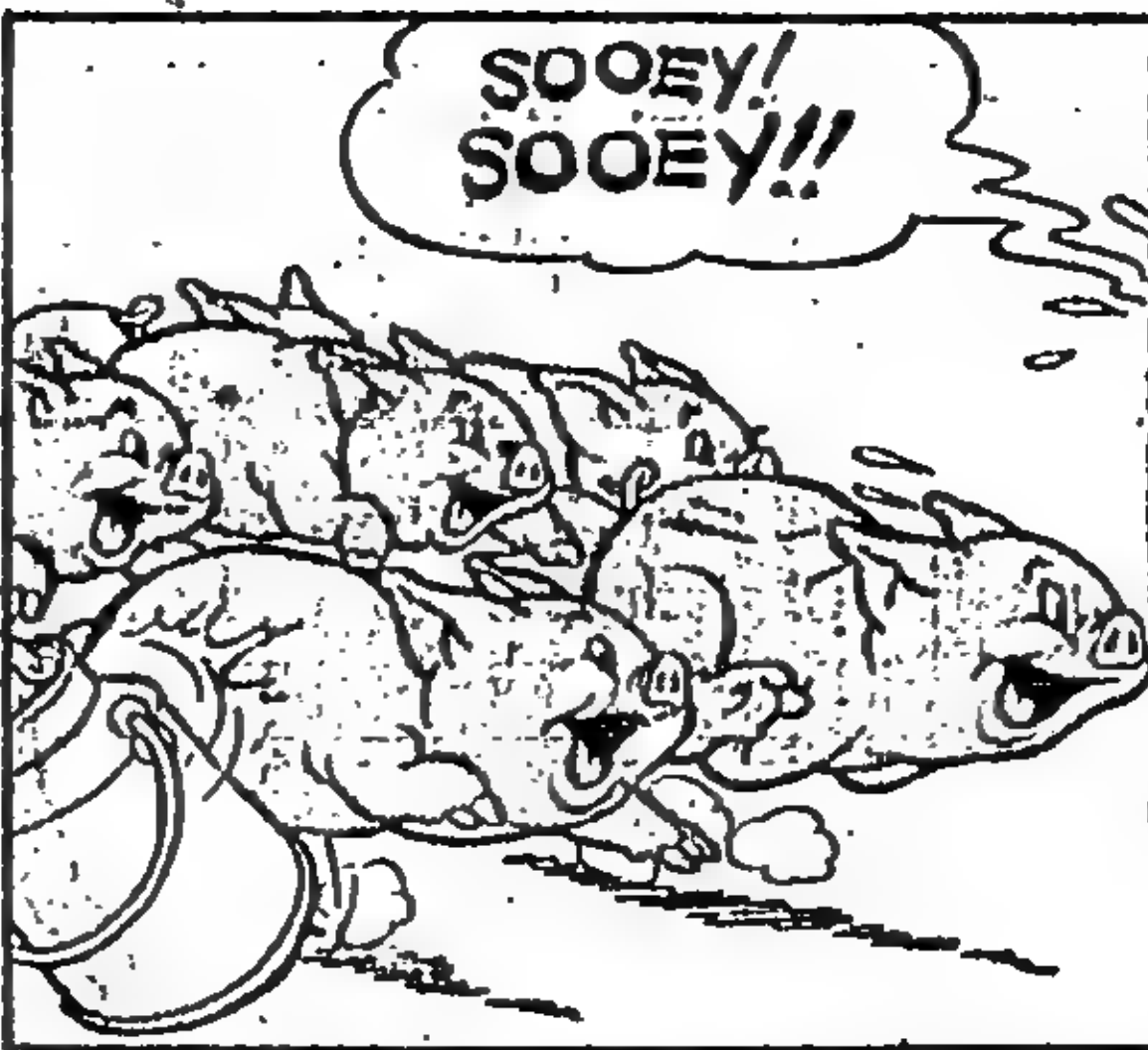
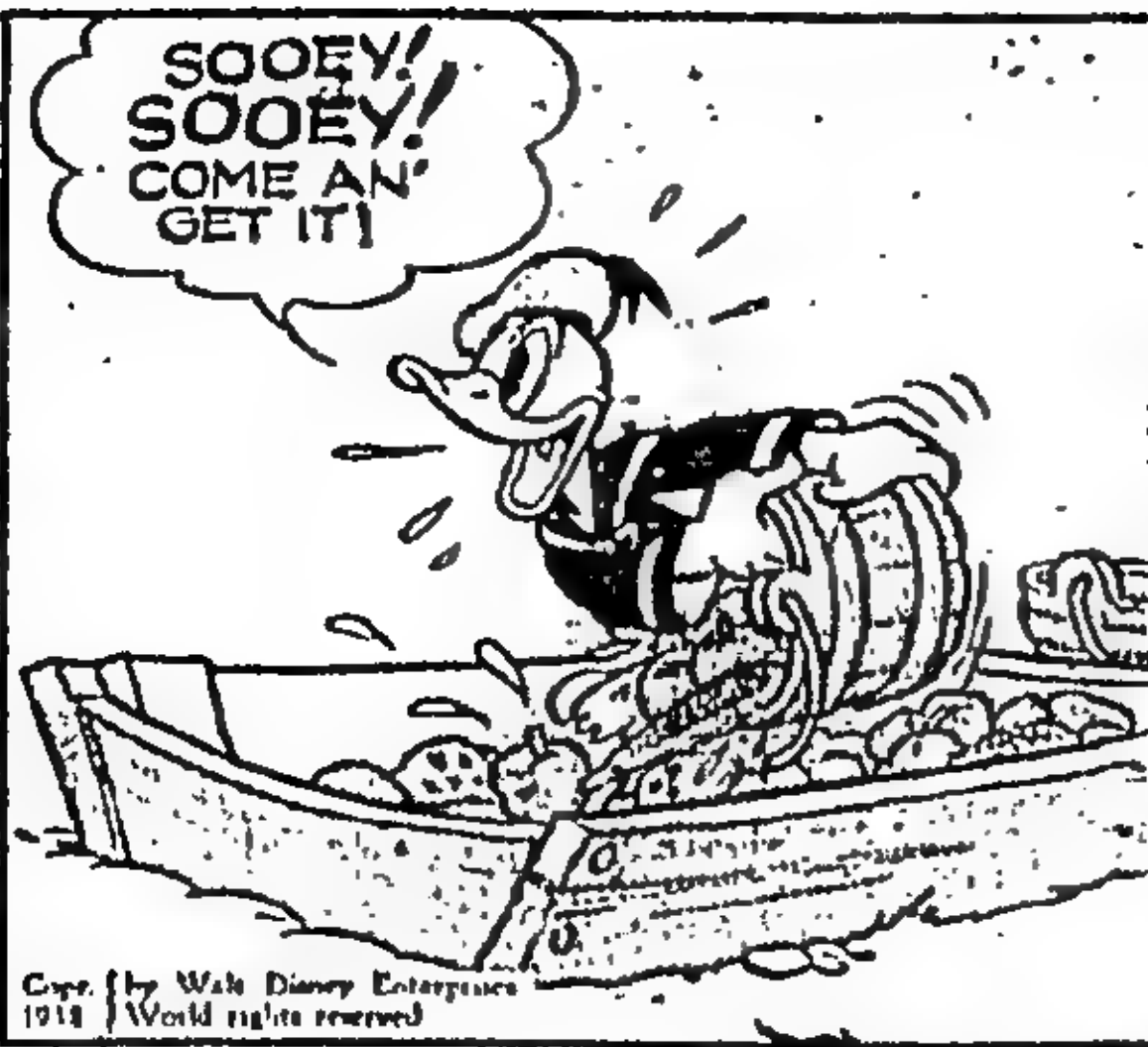
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Haiphong	Canton	December 28.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, Imperial		
22nd December.	Airways Plane	December 28.
Straits	Menelaus	December 28.
Manila	Potsdam	December 28.
Straits	Van Heutz	December 28.
Shanghai	Boissevain	December 29.
Calcutta and Straits	Kunfang	December 29.
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 29.
Japan	Nankin	December 29.
Japan	Talma	December 29.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 29.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 10th December.	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, Imperial Airways Plane		
25th December.		December 31.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 31.
Java	Tjalsak	December 31.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Saloon	Laos	January 1.
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjalsak	January 2.
Japan	Minami Maru	January 3.
Calcutta and Straits	Shirah	January 3.
Straits	Tilam	January 3.
Australia and Manila	Nellore	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 10th December).	Pres. Van Buren	January 5.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Wednesday		
Amoy	Kaying	Wed., Dec. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow	Shunchih	Wed., Dec. 28, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Haitan	Wed., Dec. 28, 3 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	Potsdam	Wed., Dec. 28, K.P.O.
	Reg.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 28, 7 p.m.
Thursday		
Parcels and Papers only for South La Plata Maru		
Africa via Durban.	Wingsang	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Haiphong	Hohow	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy and Tientsin	Tai Seun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Van Huetz	Thurs., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Swatow	Kingsu	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Leesang	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hohow	Shantung	Fri., Dec. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 30.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 12.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 30.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 1.45 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 30, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Nankin	Fri., Dec. 30.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Japan	Kumsang	Sat., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 7th Jan.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Sat., Dec. 31.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Shanghai	Soochow	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Tokang	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 9th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Mon., Dec. 2.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Tuesday		
Saloon	Kolgan	Tues., Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Foochow and Tientsin	Kanchow	Tues., Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Dairen and (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due Victoria B.C. 2nd February		
Hohow and Pakhoi	Ixion	Tues., Jan. 3, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong	Klungchow	Tues., Jan. 3, 12.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Lourenco Marques and (Parcels and Papers only) for South Africa via Durban.	Jean Dupuis	Tues., Jan. 3, 2.30 p.m.
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CHIANG'S DENIAL
OF PEACE RUMOURS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27.

COMPLETELY SETTING to rest wide-spread rumours concerning the movement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in an address at yesterday's memorial meeting here declared that they were clearly fabricated by Japanese political agents to mislead the Chinese people and undermine international confidence.

The Generalissimo stated that Mr. Wang's trip to Hanoi was entirely personal, to obtain medical treatment for his liver and heart ailment.

It had absolutely no political significance, much less any connection with the Military Affairs Commission, or the Central Party Headquarters or the National Government.

Categorically refuting unfounded rumours spread by German broadcasting stations that Mr. Wang was away from Chungking to negotiate peace terms with Japan on behalf of the Military Affairs Commission, General Chiang said these rumours are clearly bent on casting seeds of doubt on the Chinese people and disturbing international confidence in China.

General Chiang pointed out a significant fact that rumours concerning Mr. Wang were disseminated immediately after Prince Konoye's statement on December 22.

General Chiang paid a glowing tribute to the character and

personality of Mr. Wang, who had worked hardest and borne the chief brunt during the past few years for the National cause.

JAPAN'S DESIGNS BARED

General Chiang pointed out that with the recent establishment by Tokyo of the China Development Board and with it a whole lot of hue and cry for a China-Japan "Manchukuo" bloc, the Japanese design to conquer China has been bared to its teeth. It would be unthinkable for any Chinese people cognizant of the situation to entertain any longer any idea of compromise or peace.

General Chiang said he could vouchsafe for the fact that Mr. Wang was the bitterest hater and most uncompromising antagonist of Japan's designs.

The Generalissimo referred to the long and close relationship between Mr. Wang and himself and said that Mr. Wang entertained any different opinion on China's national policy he would certainly have tabled it for open discussion before the councils of the Party organ.

General Chiang in conclusion voiced the belief that the Chinese people would certainly not waver through the canards of Japanese propagandists.—Central News.

Mediation By
Britain Unwanted

PARIS, Dec. 27.

THE newspaper "L'Oeuvre" today draws attention to the rumours prevalent in political circles in Paris, which declare that Signor Mussolini intends to suggest to Mr. Chamberlain, during the latter's forthcoming visit to Rome, that the British Premier should assume the role of mediator in the dispute between Italy and France.

The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, so it is stated, is sounding the French Government as to the latter's attitude towards such a plan.

The French Government, however, has allegedly intimated to the British Government that it views the suggestion without enthusiasm, since France was now represented by an Ambassador in Rome, who was competent to settle disputes between France and Italy.

The newspaper also reports that Mr. Chamberlain has decided to stop over in Paris on his way to Rome to discuss the Italian claims with the French Government.—Trans-Ocean.

INTEREST IN VISIT

London, Dec. 27.

Interest in Mr. Chamberlain's forthcoming visit to Rome increases with the approach of the time, and has been enhanced by the French reply to the Italian not denouncing the Franco-Italian agreement for 1935.

It is generally assumed that the conversations held during the past few days by the French Foreign Minister with the British Ambassador, as well as with the French Ambassador in London, were mainly concerned with the question of Tunis.

Press reports here to-day stated that owing to the urgency of the Tunis problem, M. Corbin, the French Ambassador to London, had already left Paris for London, but these reports are stated by the French Embassy to be incorrect.

However, it is regarded as certain that M. Corbin will see Lord Halifax on the subject early in the New Year.

Diplomatic circles here believe that the French Government would welcome "peaceful intervention" by England in the Tunis question, and that the British Government would not be adverse to taking such a step, especially as England is directly interested in maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

It is considered likely that Viscount Halifax will endeavour to undertake mediation between Paris and Rome.

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11.20-12.20 p.m. Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Herbert Groh (Tenor) and Orchestra Raymonde.

Song Of The Vagabonds (from "The Vagabond King"—Friml). Only A Rose (from "The Vagabond King"—Friml). . . . Orchestra Raymonde cond. by G. Walter; Loveliest Woman Of Vienna—Waltz Song (Warden); Moonlight In Venice—Venetian Gondola Song (Hauser). . . . Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Manhattan Midnight (Alter); Manhattan Serenade (Alter). . . . Orchestra Raymonde; Because I Love You, Bella Lucia! (Schute); You Lovely Ladies (Siegel). . . . Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Love Is My Life—Waltz (Strauss-arr. G. Walter). . . . Orchestra Raymonde with Vocal Quintette.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Beethoven—Trio In D Major, Op. 70, No. 1.

Heppelbush Menuhin (Piano); Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Maurice Eilenberg (Cello).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Dance Music and Variety. Quick Step—Avonlon. . . . Vocal Rising and His Swing Stars; Vocal—Parisian Pierrot (Coward). . . . Noel Coward acc. by The Phoenix Theatre and Chorus. . . . Clifford Greenwood; Dance Orch.—Sophisticated Lady—Slow Fox-Trot; Jealous Fox-Trot. . . . Nat Gonella and His Georgians with vocal refrain; Humorous—John Henry's Ghost. . . . John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Dance Orch.—La Comparsa—Cuban Dance; Bellita—Rumba. . . . Don Barreto and His Cuban Orch.; Vocal—Alice Melysia. . . . Monique; Alice Melysia (Soprano) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra. Raymond—Overture (Thomas). . . . New Light Symphony Orchestra; Asthore (Trotter); Tosti; Beauty's Eyes. . . . Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley and His Quintet; Buffalo (Confrey). . . . New Light Symphony Orchestra; Songs That Live Forever (Lockton, Longstaffe). . . . Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley and His Quintet; Cavatina (Raff); Solemn Melody (Davies). . . . New Light Symphony Orchestra.

6.30 Wilfrid Thomas, Elsie and Doris Waters and London Piano-Accordion Orchestra.

Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Damerell and Evans). . . . London Piano-Accordion Band directed by Scott Wood; Gert, Daisy And The Knot-Hole; The Coronation Girls. . . .

Elsie and Doris Waters (Comedienne) with Orchestra; Where The Mountains Meet The Sea (Bulter and Tilsley); Remembrance (Green and Mella). . . . The London Piano-Accordion Band directed by Scott Wood; Songs Of The Sandman. . . . Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment; One Night In Monte Carlo (Sherman and Lewis); There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Wood). . . . London Piano-Accordion Band directed by Scott Wood.

6.58 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.0 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Your Heart And Mine; Keep A Twinkle In Your Eye. . . . Billy Cotton and His Band with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trots—Blue Danube Swing; Night Ride. . . . Eddie Carroll and His Swinglantic Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Once In A While; Waltz—Giannina Mia (Alm 'Firefly'). . . . Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Tangos—Viejos Tiempos; Condema. . . . Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trots—Slipping Through My Fingers; It's Love Again. . . . Lew Stone and His Band.

7.30 London Relay—"For What We Have Received".

A Gastronomical Guide for Gullible Gourmands—Incorporating Expert Advice on the Pleasures of the Table and Under It. By A. K. Hamilton Jenkin. Produced by John Cheate.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Mozart—Quintet in C Major, K. 515.

Pro Arte Quartet and Alfred Hobday (2nd Viola).

8.40 Excerpts from Mozart's "The Magic Flute". In diesen heil'gen Hallen. . . . Strienz; Seld uns zum swellen Mal willkommen. . . . Belke, Spletter, Berglund; Ach, ich fühl's, es ist verschwunden. . . . Lemnitz; O Isis und Osiris, welche Wonnen! . . . Chorus; Soll ich dich, Teurer, nicht mehr schen? . . . Lemnitz, Strienz, Roswaenge. . . . and Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

9.0 London Relay—"Empire Exchange".

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies. 9.15 Paderewski at the Piano. Variations in F Minor (Haydn); Mazurka in A Flat Major, Op. 50, No. 2 (Chopin); Mazurka in D Major, Op. 33, No. 2 (Chopin).

9.30 London Relay—"The News". 9.50 Songs by Gligl (Tenor). It Is You (Santova). . . . (Sung in Spanish) with Orchestra; Say you will not forget (Furno-de Curtis); Mille-Cherubini In Coro (Senarath-Schubert-Melchior). . . . Sung in Italian) with Orchestra.

10.0 London Relay—"In Town To-night". Introducing unusual stories from every walk of life, flashes from the news of the week, and "Standing on the Corner" (Interviews with men in the street). Produced by C. F. Meehan.

10.30 Dvorak—Quintet In A Major, Op. 81. Arthur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.

11.0 Close down.

"Hands off Americans"
Declaration at Lima

Lima, Dec. 27.

DELEGATES AT the Pan-American Conference met to-day to sign the 111 resolutions, declarations and projects which have been passed during the conference, including the "Declaration of Lima", with its pledge of continental solidarity against aggression.

The conference will end this afternoon at a plenary session, where delegates will sign the conference's "final act", listing its activities.

The United States delegates, who are contented with the declaration of

solidarity, have planned to leave for home on Wednesday, after attending the banquet at which President Benavides of Peru, and Mr. Cordell Hull will be the principal speakers. The delegates have listed the main accomplishments of the conference as follows:

1. Solidarity
2. Declaration on the stimulation of trade
3. Denial of the right to foreigners to exercise collectively in an American country such political rights as they would enjoy in their own countries.
4. Denial of the right of foreign groups to claim rights as national minorities in the American republics.
5. Resolution against racial persecution.

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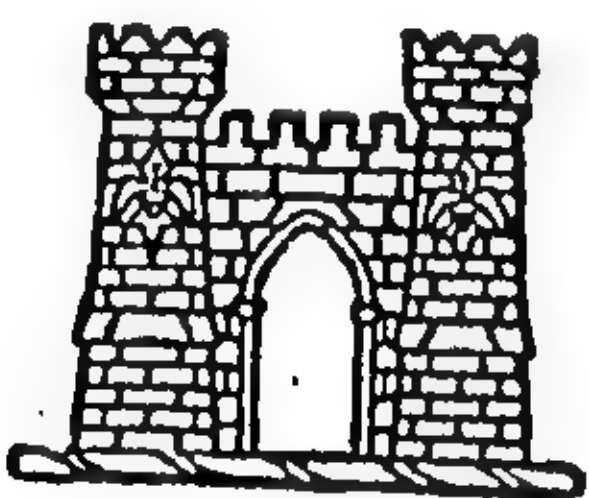
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War on the Defensive

ONCE MORE the initiative in the Sino-Japanese War passes from the hands of Japan to the Chinese. Only in the air and on the sea does Japan now appear to hold undisputed sway. She has used the former to launch an almost unprecedented campaign of terror on Chinese cities and towns, the latter to tighten a blockade that, to all intents and purposes, has the subjugation of 470,000,000 people by starvation as its objective. This naval blockade, about which so little is said, may one day prove a decisive factor in the war, as a similar blockade did twenty years ago. China, remember, cannot feed itself, but must import vast quantities of rice and other foods from the outside world. China fares better on land and it seems evident from the news of the past few days that large-scale attacks are beginning both in Kwangtung and Honan. What influence these offensives will have upon the campaign and how much territory China will be able to wrest back from Japan remains to be seen. It is two months since Canton and Hankow fell, and the Japanese are still where they were then on all fronts. The Japanese have made repeated efforts to add to their gains, to consolidate their existing seizures. But they are hampered, firstly, by a withdrawal of troops that is almost sensational in character, secondly, by weather conditions which for the next five months will favour the defenders, thirdly, by the birth of new confidence in China.

Time Marches On

ON FRONTS hundreds of miles apart, Japanese divisions are menaced by irregular forces who harass their communications and often receive support sufficient to provoke major battles.

Japan has already thrown a million men into this struggle, China three times that number. Japan claims that China's losses are staggering, her own infinitesimal. On the other hand, Japan has dipped dangerously into the reserves of man-power she must keep at home and in Manchuria against a possible conflict with Russia. Chinese reserves of man-power are inexhaustible and, in fact, are an embarrassment because of lack of arms. Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, recently claimed that by the middle of 1939 China will have an armed army of 10,000,000 men in the field. Cut that number by fifty per cent. even, and the total is formidable and something for Japan to ponder over.

The war has by no means reached a decisive phase, and time is certainly on the side of China.

CHRISTMAS LASTS FOR TWELVE DAYS

THE "Twelve Days of Christmas" is a phrase which we have almost forgotten to-day. Yet Christmas itself is only part of the great feast of Yule, which extends from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night (January 6.) Here and there in the more remote parts of the country memories of this still survive.

In Cornwall, the fisherfolk of St. Ives and the neighbouring villages go Guise Dancing. At night the streets are invaded by parties of young people attired in grotesque costume. The boys are usually dressed as girls and the girls as boys, some of them representing historical characters, others merely disguised with blackened faces.

To see them dancing at the street corners to the sound of concertina and drum, one might be watching some Italian carnival were it not for the mid-winter sky overhead.



UNTIL recently the guise dancers in Cornwall, as elsewhere, used to act the traditional play of "St. George and the Dragon." Many versions of this are found all over Britain, but the principal "characters" are the same in all. The party was generally introduced by "Old Father Christmas."

Stepping out from the half-circle of players assembled in the big friendly kitchens of the farm-houses, he proclaimed:

Here comes I, old Father Christmas, welcome or welcome not, I do hope old Father Christmas will never be forgot.

If you don't believe what I do say, Come in, St. George, and clear the way.

A resplendent St. George was followed by the sombre figure of the Turkish Knight, and his companion the Dragon. After a great deal of boasting and country wit, a fight takes place in which the Turkish Knight is knocked out by St. George. Then in comes the Doctor. With his magic medicine he resurrects the "Turkey Snipe" and the battle is renewed.



BUT once again St. George proves the Turkish Knight is slain and he, and the Dragon, are dragged off the stage by "Old Beelzebub." As a reward for his valour, St. George (in some versions) is given the hand of Princess Sabra, the King of Egypt's daughter, in marriage!

This ancient mummers' play is still acted at Christmas time in some of the villages of Hampshire. The players here are farm labourers, and wear a traditional costume consisting of a Norman helmet and something resembling a coat of mail. Their faces are hidden by fluttering strips of wall-paper which hang down over their clothing and give them a wild appearance. As one meets them trudging through the lanes, they look more like a troop of dancers transplanted from the jungle than sober English countrymen.

For hundreds of years the play has been associated with St. George, the Patron Saint of England; yet the "plot" is probably far older than any of the "characters." There is little doubt that it dates from before the time of Christianity, and that the slaying of the Turkish Knight and the victory of St. George originally symbolised the defeat of Winter and the triumph of Spring.

The "Twelve Days" was also a fire festival. Everywhere throughout Europe great bonfires were lighted at this time to encourage the mid-winter sun to regain its power.

At Allendale, in Northumberland, twenty-four men in quaint



THE Twelve Days of Christmas culminate at Haxey, in Lincolnshire, with an extraordinary game called "Throwing the Hood," which has been played there for more than six hundred years. On the afternoon of January 6 the men of the five rival hamlets which form the parish assemble on a bleak hill-top overlooking the Fens. The leader of the game, called the "Lord," is dressed in a scarlet tunic with a Morris dancer's top hat decorated with flowers. Round him he places his twelve red-jersted "boggins" to form a hundred-yard circle—as if for rounders.

Then, taking a "hood," which is made of a tightly fastened roll of sacking, about two feet long, he chants the formula:

Hoos again hoos, toon again toon, If a Man meet a man knock a Man down—
—But don't hurt him!

and hurls it into the air. In a moment the crowd is on it, each man striving to capture the hood and escape with it, past the boggins, to his own village.



IN this way the game goes on for an hour. Then comes the "away." Imagine a giant football scrum composed of a hundred men locked immovably over an unseen ball and you have some idea of what this is:

Bit by bit the weaker side is driven down the hill, contesting every inch, for "luck" goes to the winners. At last, without need of referee or whistle, the pressure slackens, the scrum breaks up—and another of Haxey's hood games has come to an end.

A. K. H. Jenkins

WOMAN NEED NOT TELL

A WIDOW cannot be compelled to disclose statements made to her by her husband during their marriage.

This centuries-old rule of law was upheld in the Chancery Division recently, when Mr. Justice Simonds refused an application by Mrs. Florence Annie Shenton, who wished to deliver interrogatories to Mrs. Edith Lilian Tyler, widow of Mr. Edmund Deebie Tyler, to sub-judicate her claim that Mr. Tyler left his widow about £70,000 subject to a promise that she would pay Mrs. Shenton £2 a week during her lifetime.

The addresses of the parties in the case were not disclosed.

Mr. Roger Turnbull, for Mrs. Shenton, said her case was that Mr. Tyler communicated to his wife his wish that she should pay to Mrs. Shenton £2 a week during her lifetime.

PAYMENTS STOPPED

Mrs. Tyler, it was alleged, gave him such a promise.

Mrs. Shenton received the payments until March, 1937, when they were discontinued. The question was, what steps could be taken to compel Mrs. Tyler to disclose the alleged bargain in which the husband said: "If you will pay the lady this weekly sum I will let you have my residuary estate."

Mr. Turnbull contended that the rule of common law which said that no wife should be compellable to disclose any communication made to her by her husband during marriage had no application to a widow.

SACRED CONFIDENCES

Mr. G. D. Johnston, for Mrs. Tyler, said it was an absolute rule of law that no husband or wife could be compelled to disclose any communication made during marriage. It would be detrimental to the court to disclose sacred confidences between husband and wife.

Mr. Justice Simonds said that in her defence to the action Mrs. Tyler denied that any such wish was expressed by her husband, or promise made. Mrs. Shenton sought to establish her case by interrogating Mrs. Tyler.

A widow always was an admissible witness, as was a woman who was divorced but, whether a widow or a divorced woman, she was not compellable or admissible as a witness in regard to matters which had passed between herself and her husband during the married state.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Her mother picked him, but she put her foot down and insisted on picking the gown!"

FIERCE WINTER BLASTS IN U.S.

NEW YORK,
Dec. 27.

FIERCE ICY GALES and blinding snowstorms are sweeping the northern half of the United States, and temperatures are experienced as low as 37 degrees below zero.

A 61 m.p.h. gale is lashing the Great Lakes, and coastguards report the heaviest sea for years is pounding the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, while 30-foot waves are turning Lake Erie into a miniature Atlantic.

In Erie and Buffalo, gales have necessitated ropes along the streets to enable pedestrians to remain upright.

There are 10-foot snowdrifts in the north-west.

Trains, filled with holiday-makers, have been delayed.

So far no casualties have been reported despite the dangerous conditions for pedestrians and travellers. Reports from Toronto state that the worst snowstorm of the winter is raging throughout Ontario. —Reuter.

500 VIOLENT DEATHS

New York, Dec. 27. The number of violent deaths over the three-day Christmas holiday is increasing towards 500, as the Canadian blizzard to-day, swept eastward across the north and central States. It is predicted that the cold snap would encompass two-thirds of the eastern part of the United States by to-morrow.

Officials of major airlines at Chicago grounded their machines as a precautionary measure. —United Press.

NEW CHINESE OFFENSIVE GAINING MOMENTUM

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in south Shansi, according to field despatches just received here.

The Japanese invaders in their attack on the Chinese positions at the two villages were assisted by a terrific artillery bombardment. Over 500 shells were hurled onto the Chinese trenches pulverising some of the defence works but the defenders grimly held on to their ground.

The latest message from the front states that the opposing forces are holding each other at bay along a line joining Maochuan, Kuchan and Tumen. —Central News.

HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES

Chungking, Dec. 27. It is announced that heavy fighting has broken out in Shansi, and that the Japanese are suffering heavy losses. —Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE DEPARTING FROM YOYANG

Chungking, Dec. 28. Field despatches state that the main bulk of the Japanese troops at Yoyang on the Canton-Hankow Railway in north Hunan, has been withdrawn to Chenglingki, five miles north.

Chinese vanguards are at Nantanking, immediately south of Yoyang, "mopping up" the Japanese remnant troops there. —Central News.

Switzerland's Defence Measures

Berne, Dec. 27. Swiss defence estimates provide for expenditure of 350,000,000 francs for the coming year, of which 150,000,000 will have to be appropriated for the air force.

In a report presented to the Federal Parliament by the Federal Council, it is stated that the proposal for the creation of a special defence fund to cover increased expenditure on armaments, must be seriously considered. —Trans-Ocean.

Chile Starts Purge Of Army Generals

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 27. The wholesale purge of Government officials and high army officers is taking place, following the installation of a Popular Front Government on December 15.

The reorganisation involves the resignation of eight generals, and the dismissal of most heads of departments and permanent under-secretaries.

Seventy-five per cent. of the diplomatic corps will be replaced. —Reuter.

Col. T. McLeod has been appointed to succeed Colonel A. Burrows as Chief of the Royal Artillery in Hongkong. Col. McLeod is due in Hongkong on March 15.

FRANCO'S DRIVE BROUGHT TO HALT

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falling into the water. There were no victims.

CAVALRY MOP-UP

From Burgos comes a report that the insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as Ribarroja, linking up with insurgent forces on the right bank, whereupon the cavalry are reported to have captured the heights above Ribarroja at midday, and to have dominated the heights above Elix, extending the front southward.

With the occupation of Caplserra, the insurgents seized an important communications centre, as well as the power plant.

After the capture and consolidation of Asp, and the roads between Lerida and Corull, the insurgents advanced considerably towards an important main road.

A Hendaye report says that the insurgent offensive, which the Loyalists claim is being made under the direction of an Italian general, to-day swept within 30 miles of the important Loyalist seaport of Tarragona.

The insurgent spearhead is composed of units of Moroccan cavalry, and 30,000 Italian Blackshirts, and it is reported to have shattered the Loyalist lines at three points along the 60-mile front, which has now taken the shape of an hour glass to the north and south of Balaguer.

Thus, with the offensive only five days old, General Franco has apparently covered one-third of the distance from his base at Seros to Tarragona, which is the first major objective of the drive on Barcelona, 40 miles northward along the Mediterranean, from Tarragona.

Insurgents nearest to Tarragona are in positions in the Lizeo Mountains, which provide a wall to the Lerida-Tarragona highway, while south they have occupied posts by the Borgeas Blancas, as a result of flanking operations, without attempting to occupy the town.

Behind the insurgent lines are the captured towns of Asp, Corull, Torresbesses, Soleras, and Grindella, and the 1,500-foot Mount Pinjat, which was wrested from Catalan brigades after very fierce fighting.

BATTLEFIELDS STREWN WITH DEAD

Meanwhile insurgent headquarters at Saragossa report the capture of nearly 3,000 prisoners during the past 24 hours. The report adds that the retreating Loyalists left the battlefields strewn with thousands of dead.

Ahead of the drive, Loyalist towns are being rapidly evacuated as Franco's bombers swept 30 to 40 miles beyond the fighting lines to-day, and unloaded tons of bombs on important communication points.

Meanwhile, in the Tremp sector, Navarres, Catalan and Franco troops captured Caplserra, dominating the vital communications line running southwards from the frontier to Artesa de Segre.

GERMAN VERSION

Bilbao, Dec. 27. Good weather conditions to-day greatly favoured the operations of the insurgent forces in their Catalan offensive, according to reports reaching here from the front.

The attack is continuing to make notable progress. The right wing of General Franco's forces, which is making a thrust in the direction of Tarragona, straightened out the Ebro salient which had been formed between Mequinenza and Ribarroja. Several hundred Loyalists were killed and hundreds taken prison in the course of this advance.

Judging from other reports further progress has also been made by the left wing which is smashing its way through difficult terrain in the Tremp sector. Here, General Franco's forces penetrated the Loyalist lines to-day to a depth of four miles.

In the Segre sector, the insurgents captured several small towns to the south and south-west of Borja Blancas. —Trans-Ocean.

BIGGEST BATTLE IN WAR

Saragossa, Dec. 27. The Christmas offensive launched by General Franco in Catalonia was continued to-day. The insurgents, in four days, have conquered 360 square miles, and have taken more than 5,000 prisoners, while 32 Loyalist planes are reported to have been shot down.

Loyalist divisions, fighting near Seros, are said to have suffered heavy casualties, and were almost completely annihilated. Over 500 Loyalists who had taken refuge in the church of Seros were taken prisoner.

The civilian population remained in most of the villages since the Loyalist Government had not time to evacuate them.

Insurgent military observers describe the present offensive as the beginning of the biggest battle in the Spanish civil war. Action has been prepared with the utmost care, and on a larger scale than ever before. The greatest difficulties on a front reaching from the Ebro River to Temp will have to be overcome by the columns operating in the Pyrenees, where they will have to fight in heights up to 2,000 feet.

The rapid advance on the southern wing took the Loyalists in the Segre sector by surprise. Loyalist positions on the lower Ebro, as well as their bulwarks in the central sector, east and north-east of Lerida, have been compelled to construct new entrenchments, and to regroup their forces, thereby losing much valuable time. —Trans-Ocean.



The Rev. Father MacDonald conducting Mass in the Chapel at the Hongkong Brewery, San Tsang, New Territories. The members of the Loyola Mission nearby hold services in the Brewery every Sunday, by kind permission of Mr. J. H. Rutledge, the Managing Director of the Brewery, for the convenience of the staff and other residents of the Castle Peak district. —Photo by Jaffer.

Death Of Famed Abbot Of Buckfast

London, Dec. 27. Dom Anscar Vonler, Lord Abbot of Buckfast, whose name will always be associated with the remarkable enterprise by which the abbey church was rebuilt on its old foundations at Buckfast by the work of the monks themselves over a period of 30 years, has died.

He was 83 and was convalescent from illness.

He died in his sleep this morning. Only a few weeks ago a tower of the abbey church, which was reconstructed in 1932 by Cardinal Bourne, was completed to the delight of the abbot, who saw a 32-year-old dream realised. —British Wireless.

Another British Steamer Sunk

London, Dec. 27. The British steamer, Stancoff, a 4,400 ton vessel belonging to a London shipping company, was hit by a bomb and sunk during a large-scale bombardment of Barcelona, carried out by insurgent aircraft to-day, according to reports reaching here.

All members of the crew are said to have escaped unhurt. The same steamer figured largely in the news in July last, when her skipper appeared before a tribunal on a charge of violating the provisions of the non-intervention agreement by attempting to carry arms to Barcelona. The charge was disproved. —Trans-Ocean.

Czechs To Disband Labour Battalions

Prague, Dec. 27. Czechoslovakia intends to disband its labour battalions, formed of unemployed workers, and to introduce a system of one year compulsory labour service.

A commission, composed of representatives of various Government departments concerned, is to be set up for the purpose of studying the operation of labour service in Germany.

It was also announced here to-day that the Communist Party in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, had been dissolved. —Trans-Ocean.

Film Producer On Swindling Charge

Paris, Dec. 27. M. Bernard Tanenazoff, well-known as Bernard Natan, the French film company director, and two others, have been arrested on a charge of swindling, and detained in the Sante prison.

The sum involved, according to the shareholders' representatives, is several thousands sterling. All three deny the charges. —Reuter.

Viscount Chilton To Retire

London, Dec. 27. The King has approved that Viscount Chilton be sworn off the Privy Council. Lord Chilton had been Ambassador at Moscow since October 1933, and retired from public service this month. —British Wireless.

The Dockers' M. P. Dies

London, Dec. 27. Sir James Sexton, "the dockers' M.P.", former general secretary of the National Union of Dock Labourers, past President of the T.U.C. and Labour Member for the St. Helen's Division of Lancashire from 1918 to 1931, died to-day in Liverpool, aged 82. —British Wireless.

FRANCE AND ITALY.—Continued From Page 1.

Somaliland Governor Asks For Troops

PARIS, Dec. 27. GREAT PROMINENCE is given in the "Paris Soir" to-day to a message received from its correspondent in Cairo in which it is alleged that Italy is concentrating large numbers of troops along the border of Abyssinia and French Somaliland.

The Governor of Somaliland, it is stated, has asked the French Government to take immediate measures for reinforcing the military and naval outposts.

The same message says that the Egyptian Government has received information about the despatch of Italian troops to the southern part of Libya, and that, in view of the impending diplomatic talks, the Egyptian Government looks upon this action as an "ominous sign." —Trans-Ocean.

NO DENIAL NECESSARY

Rome, Dec. 27. Competent Italian quarters deem it quite unnecessary to issue an official denial of the rumours circulated in the French and British press of the concentration of Italian troops in North Africa.

Italian newspapers reproduce the London and Paris reports, with ironic commentaries.

The "Giornale d'Italia," says that "Pertinax," on the hunt for alarming news, has squirmed his poison in the hope of being able to convince British public opinion of the necessity of Anglo-French collaboration in the Red Sea. —Trans-Ocean.

"PURE INVENTION"

Paris, Dec. 27. French official quarters let it be plainly understood this evening that they place little credence on the reports appearing in French and English newspapers concerning a concentration of Italian troops in North Africa.

No information to that effect, it was stated, had been received at the French Colonial Ministry, while the French Foreign Office described the news as "pure invention." —Trans-Ocean.

WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

PARIS, Dec. 27. THE ESCORT VESSEL Diderot, which is attached to the French naval forces at Levant, and which is due to carry out a cruise of the Red Sea, left Beirut for Djibouti to-day.

Peasants, Gendarmes Clash On Border

Budapest, Dec. 27. One was killed, and many wounded in a clash between Slovak peasants armed with knives and stocks, and Hungarian gendarmes in the communes of Nagysurany and Zog, near the Czech-Hungarian frontier, it is officially announced to-day.

The encounter followed a demonstration in which the Slovaks demanded the return to Czechoslovakia of two communes which had been allocated to Hungary in the recent Italo-German arbitration. —Reuter.

German Decoration For Japan's Envoy

Berlin, Dec. 27. Herr Hitler, through Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, has bestowed on the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Oshima, the Grand Cross of the Order of the German Eagle. —United Press.

Death Of Pioneer In Advertising

London, Dec. 27. Sir Charles Higham, pioneer in advertising and commercial publicity, died at his home in Surrey on Saturday aged 82. —British Wireless.

Abducted Girl's Night Of Terror

Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.

A TERRIBLE story of how she was dragged 15 miles through fields and woods last night by a man who threatened to murder her if she did not do his bidding, was told recently by Florence Mackenzie, 16-years-old schoolgirl, of Balmaghie, near here.

Florence vanished on her way home from school, and while policemen with bloodhounds, gamekeepers, and estate workers searched for her, a shepherd saw her in a small boat in the middle of Loch Grannoch, 15 miles from here.

Sobbing and exhausted, she dragged herself ashore, and said she had escaped from her captor by rowing across the loch. She was taken home by car.

Here is the story she told: "I was cycling home, and was only a few minutes from the house, when a man jumped from the side-way and dragged me into the bushes. "He held me on the ground, put his hand over my mouth, and he said if I screamed or tried to escape he would kill me.

"It became dark, and I saw some one. I think it was my father searching around with a light. But I dared not do anything.

"Then the man said he was going to take me away. He made me walk all night. We started off across fields and over walls. Whenever he could he kept to the woodlands.

"I do not know where we went. We kept going up hills and into valleys until I was worn out.

"It was terribly cold and I felt frozen. With the short stops for me to rest, we kept on all through the night.

JUMPED INTO BOAT

"When dawn came we were on a lonely hill, and I said I should have to have something to eat. I had not had a meal since lunch at school the day before.

"He went away in search of a goat, and that was my chance to escape. "I ran down the hill to a loch and found three boats moored there.

"I jumped into one and used a floor-board as an oar.

"I rowed until I got almost to the other side, where I saw a shepherd. I landed and he took me to a man who had a car, in which I was brought home."

COMMISSION ARRIVES IN MADRID

Madrid, Dec. 27. The International Commission appointed by the League of Nations to verify the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain, has arrived in Madrid.

The Commission, headed by General Molleworth, intends to remain in Madrid for two days. —Reuter.

Colonel F. K. Simmons has been appointed to succeed Col. A. P. D. Telford-Smollett in command of the Shanghai area.



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THE POLICE RESERVE

Orders Issued for The Current Week

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, state:

General The Commissioner of Police and Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) wish all ranks of the Hongkong Police Reserve a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Chinese Company

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Indian Company

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Flying Squad

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

Emergency Unit Reserve

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 18.00 hours and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

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STAIRWAY INCIDENT

Chinese Denies Picking Seaman's Pocket

An unlicensed hawk, Ng Chol, 27, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy on Monday with stealing a sum of money from Able Seaman J. J. O'Sullivan, of I.M.S. Falmouth, at Gloucester Road.

O'Sullivan said he was walking along the road in the early hours of Monday morning when the defendant approached and took him up to a flat. On the staircase landing, Ng asked complainant for 20 cents, which was given to him. As Ng was leaving, complainant felt a touch at his pocket and discovered that \$8 was missing. Suspecting the defendant, he ran after and caught him.

Ng denied the theft, saying he was watching some Europeans chasing a crowd, when O'Sullivan caught him and accused him of stealing money. He claimed to be able to call witnesses to prove his innocence.

A remand until to-day was granted.

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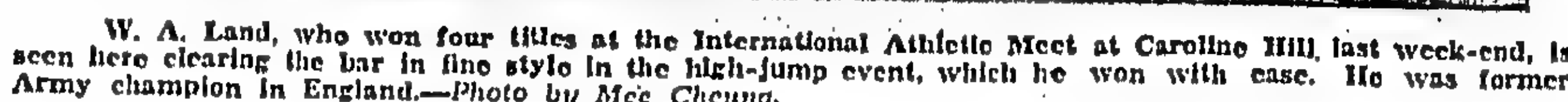
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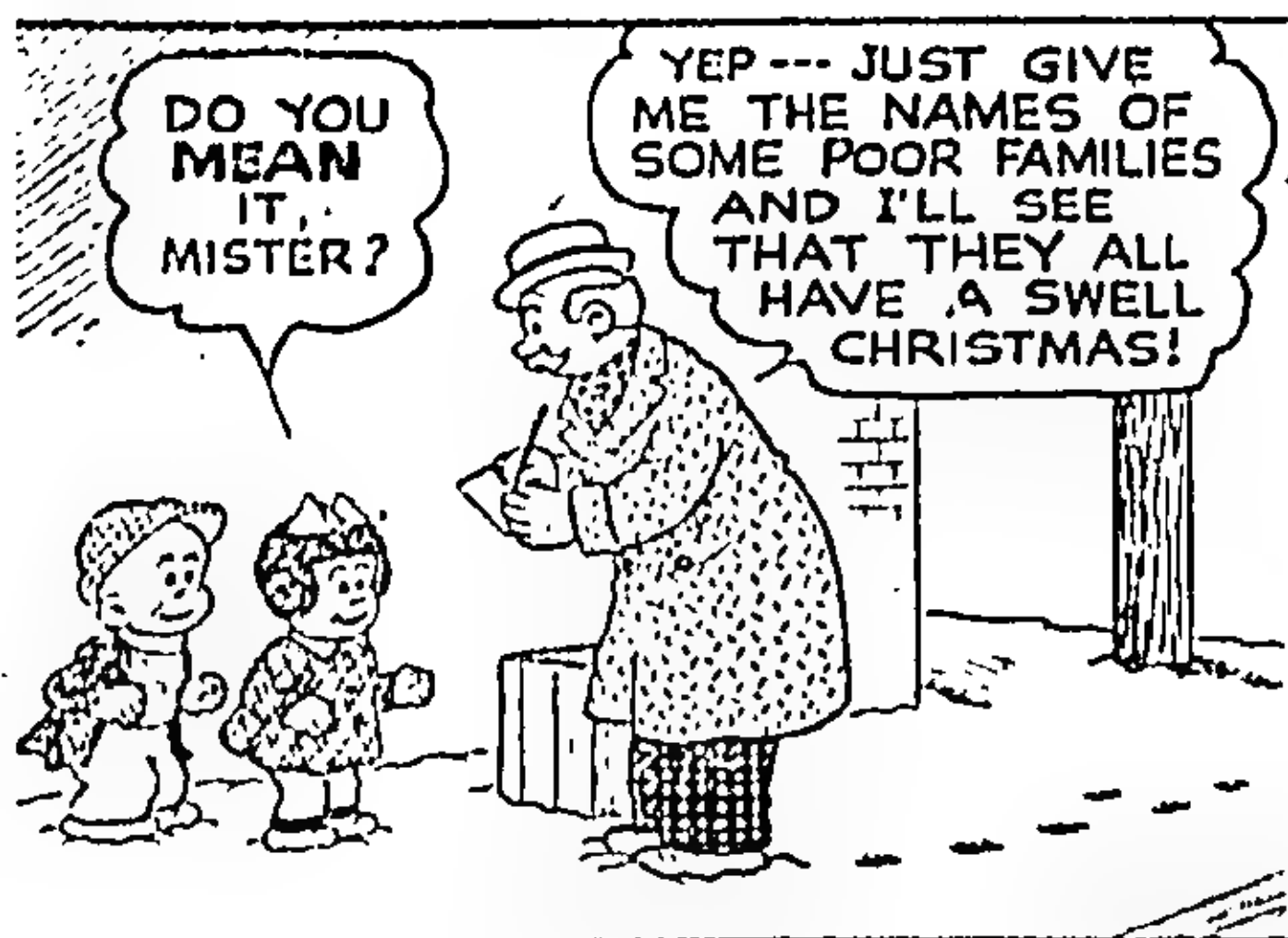
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

South Africans Make A Splendid Recovery In First Test Match Against M.C.C.

Viljoen, Dalton, Langton Pull The Game Round

The South Africans made a splendid recovery in the First Test match against the M.C.C. at Johannesburg, and at the end of the first innings were only 32 runs behind the tourists. A century by E. L. Dalton and a hard-hit 64 by A. B. C. Langton towards the end of the innings enabled the South Africans to reach 390 in answer to the M.C.C. total of 422.

At close of play yesterday, the M.C.C. had made 103 for the loss of one wicket. There being only one more day left for play, the match seems likely to end in a draw.

Johannesburg, Dec. 27. The weather was warm and sunny when the match was resumed to-day. The wicket was still good and showed only slight signs of wear. Yesterday's attendance of 22,000 was a record, the previous best being 18,000 at the match against Australia in 1936.

Farnes and Verity opened to Mitchell and Viljoen, and although the batsmen were very cautious, Mitchell was bowled by an inswinger from Farnes on the last ball of the second over and was out for 73, including three fours, and compiled in 240 minutes. He had been very patient and defended skilfully.

Dalton joined Viljoen at six for 173 and survived three leg-before appeals in the first few overs. Both bats were very steady.

At lunch the score was six for 250. Viljoen had scored 36 and Dalton 48.

CONFIDENT RESUMPTION

The South Africans made a confident resumption after lunch, but Viljoen, in attempting to drive Wilkinson, played on to his wicket with the total standing at 281. Viljoen had made exactly 50 in 162 minutes and hit five fours.

G. Bond, next man in, was dismissed by Wilkinson's next ball, a top-spinner which hit his pads and he was given out leg before wicket. Meanwhile Dalton batted steadily and he and Langton took the score to 373 before he was caught by Edrich off Verity for an invaluable 102, made in 201 minutes.

Dalton featured his knock with powerful off-driving and he found the rails nine times.

Joined by E. Q. Davies, Langton hit out merrily and when Davies was bowled by Verity for a "duke," he had 64 not out, the reward of a hard-hitting innings. He was at the wicket for 98 minutes. He hit Goddard and Wilkinson for sixes, and also claimed five boundaries.

P. A. Gibb kept wickets for the M.C.C. after lunch instead of Ames, who had a sore finger and fielded at the boundary.

EDRICH FAILS AGAIN

Leading by 32 runs, the M.C.C. batted a second time, opening again with Edrich and Gibb.

Edrich failed once more, being caught by Mitchell off Gordon after he made only ten runs. The total was 38.

Gibb and Paynter stayed together until close of play, by which time the English total had been taken to 103. Gibb had 53 to his credit and Paynter 32.

M.C.C.—1ST INNS.

Edrich, c (Slips), b Davies	4
P. A. Gibb, c Melville, b Mitchell	93
Paynter, b Mitchell	117
W. R. Hammond, b Gordon	24
Ames, c Wade, b Gordon	42
N. W. D. Yardley, c and b Mitchell	7
B. H. Valentine, c Wade, b Gordon	97
Verity, b Dalton	20
Wilkinson, l.b.w., b Gordon	2
K. Farnes, b Gordon	0
Goddard, not out	10
Extras	422

Fall of wickets:—1 (Edrich) for 4; 2 (Paynter) for 188; 3 (Hammond) for 234; 4 (Gibb) for 276; 5 (Ames) for 322; 6 (Yardley) for 294; 7 (Verity) for 378; 8 (Wilkinson) for 388; 9 (Farnes) for 415; 10 (Valentine) for 422.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalton	10	0	102	1
Langton	27	5	74	0
Gordon	33.4	3	103	5
Mitchell	22	2	75	3
Dalton	10	1	42	1
Bond	2	0	10	0

SOUTH AFRICA.—1ST INNS.

B. Mitchell, b Farnes	73
P. Van Der Byl, l.b.w., b Verity	4
A. Melville, c and b Verity	0



Mrs. Clifford won the ladies' tennis singles championship of the Colony on Saturday when she defeated Miss Madge Griffiths in the final at the U.S.R.C. Picture shows the winner making a backhand return.—Photo by Jaffer.

RUGGER MATCHES AT HOME

The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played to-day:	
Exeter	16 Bath
Gloucester	15 Universities
Leicester	8 Barbarians
Swansea	5 London Welsh
Aberavon	8 Cross Keys
Cardiff	6 Watsons
Newport	14 London Irish
Weston Super-Mare	21 Penarth

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

San Francisco, Dec. 26. The inquest on Andre Shelaeff, former welter-weight champion of the Orient, will be held on December 30. The autopsy has revealed kidney haemorrhage and blood clots in the head.

Shelaeff died of concussion following a bout with Salvador who is now being held on a technical charge of manslaughter.

A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73
N. Gordon, st. Ames, b Goddard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
K. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102
G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson	0
A. B. C. Langton, not out	64
E. Q. Davies, b Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	390

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	18	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10
Gibb, not out	53
Paynter, not out	32
Extras	8
Total (for 1 wkt.)	103

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 27. In the Sheffield shield games Victoria beat New South Wales, and Queensland need 180 to avoid an innings defeat by South Australia. Scores:—Victoria 504 and 170-0, beat New South Wales 204 and 369, South Australia 462, versus Queensland 131 and 182-4.—Reuter.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Army To Play Navy At Sookunpoo

The Triangular Hockey Tournament match between the Army and Navy will be played on Friday at Sookunpoo instead of at King's Park, as originally arranged. The game will commence at 3.45 p.m.

The following is the Army team: L/Cpl. Dove (R.C.S.), Lieut. Stuckley (Wessex) and L/Bdr. Carter (R.A.); L/Cpl. Metton (R.E.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.) and L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots); Capt. Kennedy (R. Scots), Lieut. Indarjit Singh (Rajputana Rifles), Lieut. Pritham Nath (Rajputana Rifles), L/Nk. Keralam Singh (Kumaons) and Rtm. Pataub Singh (Kumaons).

Lee Wai-tong Injured In Charity Game

(Continued from Page 8.)

before passing over Duncan's outstretched hands. The fourth goal, scored by Lee, was the best of the match. Securing possession about 30 yards from the goal, he wriggled past Proctor and drove hard for the right hand corner. The ball entered the net with the speed of a bullet with Duncan completely beaten.

FANCY TRICKS

After this, the Chinese players started to play fancy tricks, which pleased the crowd immensely but contributed nothing to the effectiveness of their play.

That the Chinese were definitely the better side in the last half hour was only too obvious; there was no need for them to rub it in the way they did.

Considering that they were picked from so many different teams, the Scots gave a surprisingly fine display. They did not last as well as the Chinese, however, and lost a great deal of their dash in the second half. Before they fell away, they gave the Chinese some very anxious moments indeed. Had luck been with them, they might have taken an early lead which would have made the game even closer and better to watch.

Fraser and Blackburne stuck pluckily to their task and Proctor did a prodigious amount of work in the pivotal position. It was not their fault that Scotland lost.

Teams:

China:—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shu-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Lau Hing-chai, Leung Wing-chiu; Hau King-shing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shu-wing and Hau Ching-to.

YACHTING RACE TO MACAO

Seventeen Boats Take Part

The annual sailing race from Hongkong to Macao, held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over the holidays, was concluded yesterday. The course was over a distance of 70 miles, the boats taking part, together with the finished and corrected times being as follows:—

	Finished	Corr.
Azuma, E1	21.00.10	20.53.25
(Mr. E. B. Lambert)		
La Cigale, E3		D.N.F.
(Mr. N. V. A. Croucher)		
U. & L. E3	20.56.30	20.30.10
(Mr. C. B. Coils)		
Luana, E9	21.09.29	20.21.41
(Mr. A. L. Shields)		
Typhon, W10	00.22.32	22.24.21
(Lt.-Col. Hindmarsh)		
Wanderer, E16	21.34.70	21.06.02
(Mr. P. C. W. Wagstaff)		
Penguin, W24	00.34.50	22.52.21
(Major A. C. Johnstone)		
Tyrone, E25	23.47.04	21.53.05
(Mr. B. Herschend)		
Punal, E28	21.59.35	20.32.30
(Mr. G. H. Gandy)		
Tavy II, E29	11.02.50	06.05.19
(W.R. Officer's H.M.S. Tamar)		
Marander, E31	22.00.35	21.38.49
(Mr. S. Berg)		
Highwayman, E32	00.18.15	22.37.25
(Capt. C. B. Barry, R.N.)		
Norena, E37	20.12.03	21.02.51
(Mr. P. C. W. Wagstaff)		
Red Rover, E39	23.22.10	22.34.34
(Capt. R. W. Dalcman)		
Dorinda, E41	00.51.50	22.50.18
(Mr. J. G. B. Dewar)		
Yanhey, O2	21.50.55	21.28.01
(Eng. Capt. A. K. Dibley, R.N.)		
Curlew, W12	22.40.55	20.59.39
(Capt. Tracey)		



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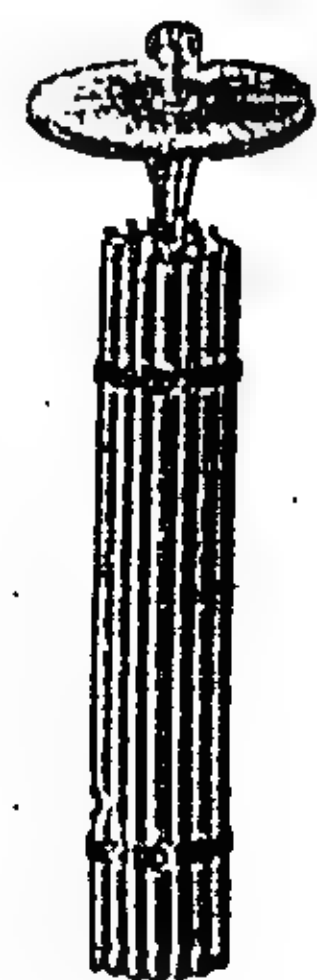


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Wives who buy ties should note that even very complacent men hate ties patterned with any form of animal life, pink ties, and ties that have gadgets inside to keep them flat, or make them last longer.

They like woven woollen ties, stripes, and favour a corded surface for town wear.

Crimson, patterned with the dark colour of their suit, is a best seller in ties.

We do like men who keep their clothes clean.

We've seen too many pretty dresses ruined by contact with dirty jackets.

Twice round the bathroom, and we find there is a sooty-looking mark round the waist of our best chiffon. The dirt may not show to THEM, but it comes off on US.

Train your man to be his own valet. Buy him a couple of whisks and make him keep one at home and one at the office. He'll get the Beau Brummell habit if he presses his trousers once a week.

Boys who brush their suits, use hangers and fold their ties, have learned 60 per cent. of the lesson on "how to be a successful husband."

We are all against sisters running after their brothers with fresh collars and clean shoes.

We like nice dressing-gowns and pyjamas. We take a lot of trouble about our own, and get no fun out of seeing men sink down to let the cat out in their old overcoat.

We are showing just how handsome they can look in an attractive dressing gown—checked and all wool.

Observe the neat shaped scarf specially designed to conceal their

.. GOOD TO LOOK AT!

MEN read this page. We know, because we watch them doing it on buses and in trains. And we collect their comments.

Men are fashion conscious . . .

about OUR clothes.

If they bothered more about the way they look to us, this page would never have been written.

We're saying what we think about them this time. We've been wanting to for years.

They think we don't mind their concealing trousers and their dirty neckties. We love them in spite of that revolting hat. Their personality takes our minds off their mud-coloured shirt and twisted tie.

They're wrong . . . and wrong . . . and wrong again.

We know how we'd like them to look, so this week we've spent most of our time finding out about men's fashions.

We're putting down—in very simple language—the things they ought to know about their clothes, but very seldom do.

Why do they think a dull grey suits them?

It is a little difficult to see where clothes end and the man begins.

There are dozens of shades of brown, blue and green to choose from. One of them will help the man with the dark complexion more than he knows. . . . He should ask his tailor.

Does he know that the darkest, most formal suits can be made of material with a tiny, subtle stripe in a colour like crimson or orange?

We'd like all men to know . . .

Young men are buying double-breasted dinner jackets. They are worn with turned down collars and without a waistcoat.

Trousers are a little wider. Fitted jackets are in, and belted and gathered jackets are out.

Blue-grey is the favourite colour this year . . . next year . . . all the time.

Overcoat designs have altered scarcely at all for twenty-five years.

We think that the normal ration of fifteen pockets per suit is just thirteen too many.

We saw one in navy with a crimson pinstripe and wondered why so many men order "clerical" grey to wear in the office.

What we should like to see a man wearing at week-ends is a two-piece hop-sac suit. The jacket is check lined and the trousers specially cut to wear without waistcoat.

The trousers, we noticed, had the new flexway inner belt, and that means shirts needn't blouse quite so Russianly as they do now.

Look at the sketch of the man in our favourite week-end outfit. Dark green jacket with a big, but not bright, over-check.

It has even one more pocket than usual.

We'd like this worn with worsted flannel trousers in the right shade of grey-green.

A husky shirt in checks or a turtle-necked jersey will make any girl—or wife—quite pleased to be seen out with her man on Saturday afternoon.

Fancy waistcoats are "in" again. Men ought to take advantage of that.

We like them in dark checks, but if they feel the cold like they say they do, perhaps they would rather have suede.



Inartistic Adam's apple. It is made of smooth wool. * * *

Why does the average man adore his old hat so?

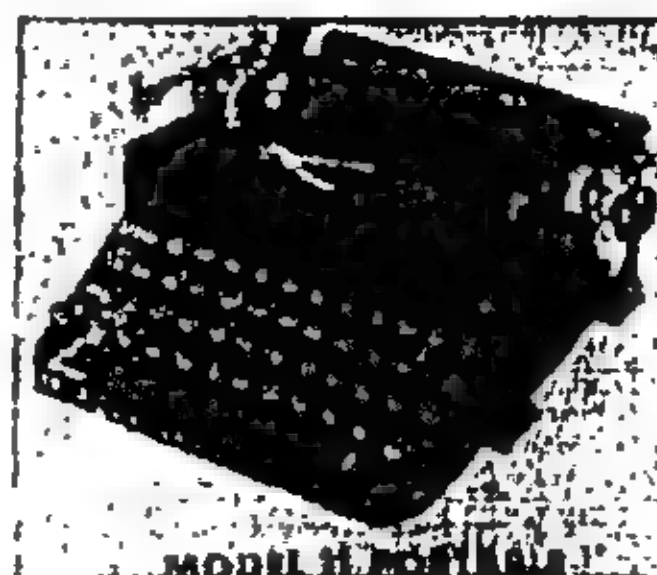
It is dim with age and heavy with grease and never had any shape even when it was new.

Even if his head is difficult he can get it properly fitted.

Some shops even cater for swollen heads and mark off the inches on a little machine! One look at the machine tells the assistant if a man needs a high crown, or a curly brim, and a good many other things which obviously never occur to him.

Navy blue, grey and very dark green are just a few of the new Hom-burgh colours this year. We liked the grey.

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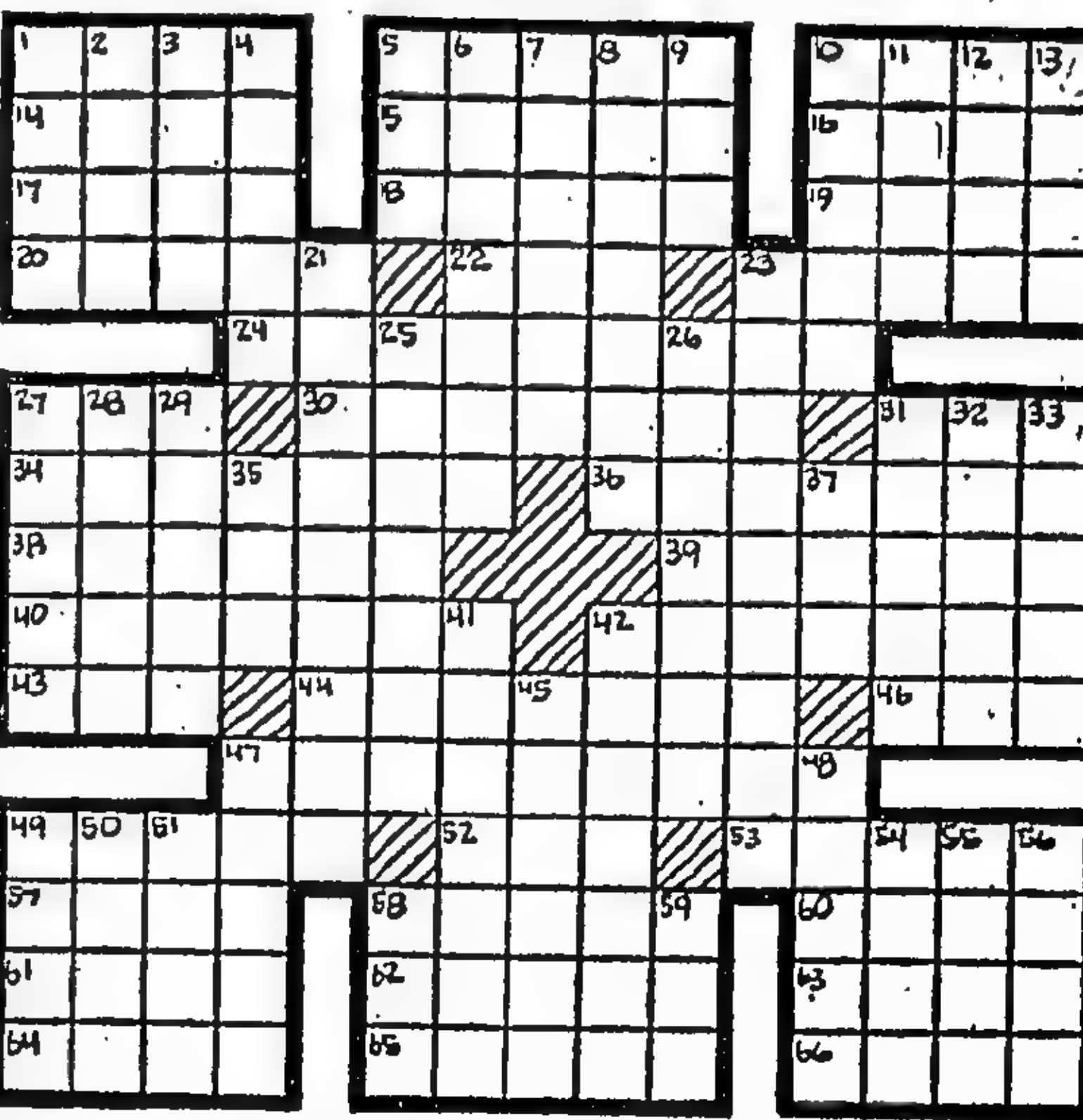
By LAHS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Show concern
- 2—Turn inside out
- 3—Chase dully
- 4—Not chamber
- 5—Glean
- 6—Act insane
- 7—Held in check
- 8—Small ball
- 9—Portent
- 10—Put into disrepute
- 11—Threaten sea
- 12—Water pitchers
- 13—Change again
- 14—The (German)
- 15—Make believe
- 16—Harbor
- 17—Hulk
- 18—Duty paid on landing
- 19—Miser
- 20—Disastrous
- 21—Theodolite
- 22—Killers
- 23—Droop
- 24—Broke suddenly
- 25—Took well
- 26—Fertile
- 27—Having value
- 28—Constellation of the Altar
- 29—Liberal wicked city
- 30—Leave-taking
- 31—Date
- 32—Sea-wall
- 33—Additional plant

DOWN

- 1—MAN'S NAME
- 2—Go in
- 3—Wasp
- 4—Wine maker
- 5—Gleaner
- 6—Tide
- 7—Hindu symbol
- 8—Above
- 9—Crisp
- 10—Lowered
- 11—Mythical rule mace
- 12—Pleading
- 13—Dreadful
- 14—Amount owed
- 15—Genus of beetles
- 16—Droop
- 17—Infant
- 18—British town
- 19—Bearable
- 20—Droop
- 21—One who showers
- 22—Show circles
- 23—Nip
- 24—Shower
- 25—Call meat
- 26—Tied joints' wheels
- 27—Dilemma
- 28—Indictor
- 29—Veritable
- 30—Disintegrate
- 31—Priest's title
- 32—Distress signal



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Hot water should be avoided, and a special bowl should be used if possible. If this is not available, and an enamel one has to be used, a folded tea towel placed in the bottom will act as a protection.

Prepare warm soapy water and wash each article separately, using a soft cloth or a piece of linen kept specially for the purpose.

If the glass has any crevices, scrub it with a soft nail brush. Rinse in warm or cold water; if the water is too hot it causes the glass to appear cloudy and smeared.

A few drops of vinegar added to the rinsing water brightens the glass and gives it a good gloss. After rinsing, place the articles upside down on a tray, protected with a soft cloth, to drain.

Dry and polish with a soft linen cloth. Glass cloths must be linen, otherwise the dust sticks to the glass and makes it appear cloudy and dull.

Various Cleaning Agents

Decanters and water bottles can be cleaned with—

(a) A handful of tea leaves and a small piece of soda.

(b) A small quantity of torn up paper.

(c) A little cut up potato.

(d) Crushed egg shells.

(e) A cupful of vinegar and a good teaspoonful of common salt.

Place one of the above cleaning agents in the decanter or bottle, fill up with warm water and leave steeping about an hour. Shake thoroughly and then rinse in cold water two or three times.

Dry with a linen cloth and polish with a second one.

Decanters and bottles with narrow necks, after being dried and polished on the outside, should be placed neck downwards in a jug to drain dry.

The stoppers should never be replaced until the decanters are absolutely dry.

Mirrors and Pictures

Mirrors and pictures should be dusted thoroughly, then cleaned with a well-wrung leather. Polish with a lintless duster followed by a pad of soft tissue paper.

An alternative method, and one that obtains a high polish, is to rub the glass with a rag moistened with a few drops of methylated spirit. Polish well. It is not advisable to use whiting, as it is difficult to remove from round the frame, and looks unsightly if left in the cracks and crevices.

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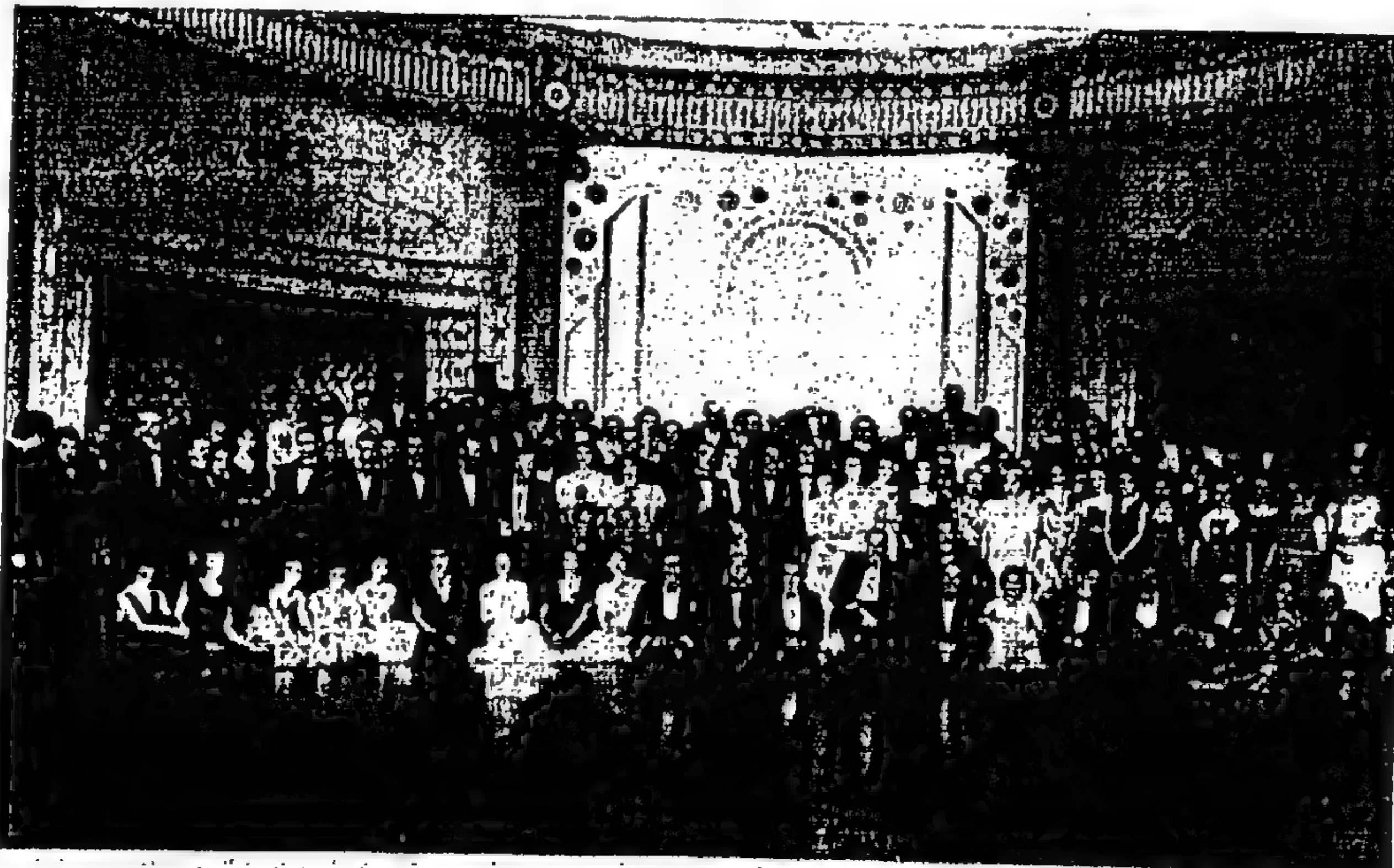
A group of children of the Seaforth Regiment who appeared in a Christmas play at Shamshuipo recently.—King's Studio.



Group photograph taken recently at St. Francis Hotel when the Torpedomen's Social Club of H.M.S. Birmingham attended a Christmas dinner.—King's Studio.



Mr. R. G. Phillips and Mr. R. Baldwin with Class 3 pupils of the Ying Wa College.—Yuen Chun Studio.



Royal Naval Commissioned and Warrant Officers Club held a dance recently at the Peninsula Hotel where the above photograph was taken.—A. Hing.

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Steamship "JEAN LABORDE"

3rd/4th

Bringing Cargo from Marseilles via Saigon, etc. arrived Hongkong on Friday, 23rd December, 1938.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 3rd January, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 29th December, 1938.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON, 35 Bishopsgate, E.C.1.

Paid-up Capital £2,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors £2,000,000

Reserve Fund £2,000,000

MANCHESTER BRANCH: 71 Mosley St., Manchester.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

Alor Star, Ipoh, Bagan, Amritsar, Iloilo, Semarang, Bangkok, Karachi, Beramban, Batavia, Kintet, London, S.W.1, Bombay, Kobe, Shanghai, Calcutta, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Cawnpore, Kuching, Sillawan, Medan, Sourabaya, Deli, Medan, Tonkai, Tientsin, Taiping, (Thukot), Tientsin, Yokohama.

Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor & Trustee business, and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of its Agencies & Branches.

R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

Hongkong, 29th June, 1938.

The P. & O. Banking Corporation, Ltd.

(Incorporated in England, 1920.)

Authorized Capital £5,000,000

Subscribed and Paid-up £2,504,160

Reserve Fund £ 160,000

HEAD OFFICE:—

111-112, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

WEST END BRANCH: 14-16, Cockspur Street, London, S.W.1.

BRANCHES:—Bombay, Calcutta, Cawnpore, Colombo, Hongkong, Madras, Shanghai, Singapore, Suez, Tientsin, Yokohama.

Agencies:—in all the principal towns of the world.

General Exchange and Banking business transacted. Loans and overdrafts granted on approved security. Current and Fixed Deposits received.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS IN LOCAL CURRENCY—interest allowed at rates which may be obtained on application.

TRAVELLERS' LETTRES OF CREDIT, TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES AND PASSENGER LETTRES OF CREDIT (for use on board P. & O. and B. I. Steamers and at Ports of Call) are issued at current rate of exchange and free of commission.

AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES sold and cashed.

British Income Tax Recovered. * Executorships and Trustships undertaken.

W. J. WADDINGTON, Manager.

Hongkong, 7th Nov. 1938.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000.00

Paid-up Capital \$ 5,898,000.00

Reserve and Undivided Profits \$ 2,776,726.70

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG

10, Des Voeux Road, Central

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—

Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman.

Li Koon Chun, Esq., Fung Ping Wah, Esq., P. H. Kwok, Esq., Li Lan Sang, Esq., Wong Yun Tong, Esq., Wong Chu Son, Esq., Chang Chung Shek, Esq., Kan Yung Po, Esq., KAN TONG PO, Esq., Chief Manager.

LI TSE FONG, Esq., Manager.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

Amoy, Melbourne, Shanghai, Batavia, Nagasaki, Singapore, Bombay, New York, Sourabaya, Calcutta, Osaka, Swatow, Canton, Paris, Sydney, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Honolulu, Penang, Tokyo, Kobe, Saigon, San Francisco, Vancouver, Yokohama.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

KAN TONG PO, Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1938.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff

Photographer to all

events of public

interest. Requests

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Editor.

Don't let the Children miss the... FANCY DRESS PARTY TO-MORROW AT THE Y.M.C.A. KOWLOON FROM 3 TO 6 P.M.

It's going to be the jolliest party with heaps of fun... Clowns... Mickey Mouse Cinema... Lucky Dips... Fish Ponds... Raffles... and... ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR. Tickets are only \$1.50 (including tea) and are on sale at Moutrie's, Anderson's, Tsang Fook and at the Dairy Farm, Kowloon.

The proceeds will be devoted to destitute refugee children... to give as many of them as possible, some little ray of happiness during our Festive Season. The grown-ups will also enjoy themselves. YOU MUST make a point of coming!

KING'S

TO-DAY ONLY AT 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.30 P.M.

THE BIG SHOW THAT'LL YODEL YOUR BLUES AWAY!

Surrounded by stars... the world's favorite comics are back in their most fun-to-see, mirthful, girl-ful feature!

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"THE NEW AUDIOSCOPIKS"

Latest three-dimensional short feature with lots of thrills and breath-taking excitement!

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also LATEST NEWS OF THE DAY

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HERE'S A BIG THRILL DRAMA THAT PULLS NO PUNCHES!

The shocking truth exposed behind the scenes in underworlds most inhuman and hated penal institution.

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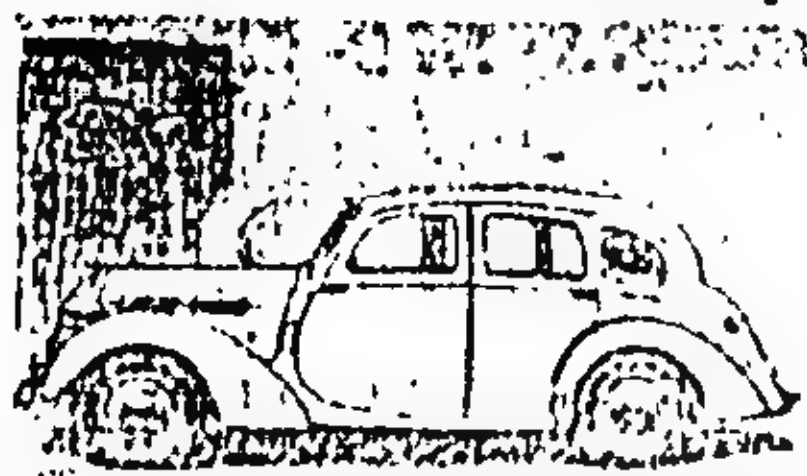
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FIL. SAT. "THE AMAZING Dr. CLITTERHOUSE" Edward G. Robinson, Humphrey Bogart, Claire Trevor.

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FRANCE SENDING REINFORCEMENTS AS ITALIAN MINORITIES DEMONSTRATE

TENSION IN RED SEA COLONY

PARIS, DEC. 27.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED THE IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENT OF MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES AT DJIBOUTI, SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND SECURITY AT THE IMPORTANT GULF OF ADEN COALING STATION AND RAILWAY TERMINAL.

The afternoon papers published a report from Cairo that the Governor-General, M. Hubert Dechamps, has suppressed attempts by the Italian minority to demonstrate, supporting the Italian claims, after which he asked for reinforcements.

M. Daladier and M. Bonnet, in consultation with M. Mandel have decided to comply with the request.

A spokesman said there was no official confirmation of the reported Italian concentrations on the Somaliland border, and the Government was unable to consider movements 15 miles on either side of the border as an "invasion."

However, he added, the Government was sending a sufficient reinforcement of men to assure the security of the railway terminal.

Generally speaking it is not expected that these reinforcements will exceed 5,000.—United Press.

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French Socialist Party Drops Pacifist Policy

PARIS, Dec. 27.

BY 4,322 VOTES TO 2,837, the French Socialist Party has agreed upon a radical departure from its former policy of pacifism in foreign affairs.

In a vote on three resolutions on foreign policy submitted to the plenary session of the extraordinary national party congress by M. Leon, the pacifist group secured only 60 votes, while an amendment to M. Blum's motion was defeated 4,322 to 2,837, with 1,014 abstentions.

M. Blum's motion denounced the policy of appeasement as initiated by the Munich Agreement, supported the efforts of the Daladier Government to re-arm France at every cost, denounced pacifism (previously the Party's strongest plank) as a policy for peace, and pledged its co-operation to the fullest extent in any war in which France may become involved in defending the integrity of its soil.

"It," said M. Blum, "is a question of war or servitude, the Socialist Party will choose war."

The vote was taken after a lengthy debate during which representatives of the various groups presented their viewpoints.

The representative of the Integral Pacifist Group declared himself to be opposed to rearmament efforts of any kind, and demanded a disarmament gesture instead.

Several delegates made a last attempt to find a compromise between the Blum and Faure resolutions.

M. Faure declared that he would continue to defend his ideas within the party even in the event of the defeat of his resolution.

He emphasised that friendship between himself and M. Blum was not affected by the fact that they did not see eye to eye in matters of foreign policy.

M. Faure then pointed out that the Munich agreement had not been sufficiently exploited for the purposes of peace. He warned against an armament race, in which the totalitarian States were bound to emerge as winners, since Germany's "potential for war" was far greater than France's.

He therefore recommended continuation of endeavours for appeasement, and a peace gesture by the French.

His amendment was rejected.

New Chinese Offensive Gaining Momentum

SHIUKWAN, Dec. 28.

THE CHINESE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE against Tsengshing, 35 miles north-east of Canton, is proceeding apace.

It is revealed that on one occasion Chinese vanguards succeeded in forcing their way into the city and challenged the Japanese to street fighting. They withdrew after inflicting about 200 casualties upon the Japanese.

Since then, the Japanese have tightened their vigilance and have been intermittently shelling the Chinese positions outside the city to prevent the Chinese from approaching the city gates.

Chinese troops staged "mopping up" operations in the areas around Samshui on the West River yesterday. A Japanese unit of about 60 men was found at Tachekong and immediately dispersed.

Since December 24, many Japanese troops have been withdrawn from Samshui, being substituted by Japanese-employed irregulars. The

latter are strengthening their defence works and enlarging the aerodrome at Samshui.

The number of Japanese warships around Welchow Island south of Pakhoi has now been increased to eight. They frequently cruise off the coast of Pakhoi and molest Chinese boats. About 200 fishing and salt boats are reported to have been set on fire by them.

Japanese bluejackets have also landed on Welchow Island and seized provisions and valuables from the islanders.—Central News.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR LINTEN

Yuanqu, Dec. 27.
Heavy fighting between 3,000 Japanese troops and strong Chinese units is raging at Sunkutsun and Tumen, two villages west of Linten (Continued on Page 7.)

New Refugee Shelter

Chungking, Dec. 27.
A Shanghai despatch received here states that the newly constructed refugee shelter in the western district of Shanghai will shortly be opened for the accommodation of war victims.

With a capacity for 5,000 people, the shelter is equipped with electricity and water supplies and is expected to relieve to some extent the congestion in other camps.

Despite energetic efforts by the authorities to move them to the interior places, there still remain about 100,000 refugees in Shanghai, it is learned.—Central News.

FRANCO'S DRIVE BROUGHT TO HALT

BARCELONA, Dec. 27.

ALL REPORTS FROM ARMY MEN in the Gogull sector state that the Loyalists have halted the insurgent attacks, and are holding firm around Gogull, where Italians are concentrating as the spearhead of the attack.

DELAYED WEDDING

H.K. Man Who Escaped In Junk

A WEDDING which was delayed by the Sino-Japanese war was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, on December 16 between Mr. Lyall Mervyn Dalzard Parlett and Miss Catherine Macdougall Gray.

The couple were engaged for two-and-a-half years, having met at Hongkong, where Mr. Parlett was stationed with the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

When Miss Gray returned to Europe Mr. Parlett was transferred to Changsha in the interior of China, but nevertheless the wedding was arranged to take place at Kuala Lumpur, where Miss Gray's sister, Mrs. C. Harding Tilley, is living, with her husband.

But the war intervened and communications were closed. Mr. Parlett, however, succeeded in reaching Hongkong in a junk and the couple had a happy second meeting in Kuala Lumpur before the wedding.

The bridegroom is the son of Sir Harold Parlett, an authority on Far Eastern matters, who retired as Japanese Counsellor of the British Embassy in Tokio in 1927 and has since written "A Brief Account of Diplomatic Events in Manchuria."

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of Wemyss Bay, Renfrewshire.

Wearing a navy-blue floured silk dress with white embroidered and a navy-blue felt hat, and carrying white camellias, she was given away (Continued on Page 7.)

Further north, the Insurgents continued to pound the salients at Montsech and the line of Sierras along the river with heavy losses.

Air bombardments are very frequent, extending 30 to 35 miles behind the lines.

Sunlight, breaking through the morning mist, made targets clear all along the route from Cebra to the front, obliging the civilian population to take refuge every few minutes.

Five Savoia bombers caused an unknown number of victims and damage in two raids on Barcelona this morning.

In the first raid the squadron attacked the port area and sunk the British ship Stancroft, whose crew was rescued and taken ashore. The planes returned flying in formation to the north, but anti-aircraft fire disturbed the formation, and forced one plane to flee towards the sea, while the others bombed the port area and an inland segment.

A Valencia message says that five Savoia dropped 50 bombs on the Valencia port and the suburb of Nazaret at 12.15 p.m. today, but they caused no damage. The planes flew very high, and a curtain of anti-aircraft fire prevented them from reaching their objective, most of the bombs (Continued on Page 7.)

CLYDE HAS BEST YEAR

LONDON, Dec. 27.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDING has just had its best year since 1930.

No less than 117 vessels, aggregating 443,615 tons were floated, and engineering firms produced marine machinery of a total of 914,000 indicated horse-power.—British Wireless.

Civilian Air Corps For U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has announced his plan for the annual training of 20,000 civilian pilots to form reserve aviators in time of war, at a cost of about \$10,000,000 a year.

President Roosevelt said he was not prepared to say how many aeroplanes he had recommended to Congress for the army and navy in his national defence programme.

Meanwhile aircraft shares on Wall Street are fractionally higher on reports that President Roosevelt is asking for a combined army and navy air fleet of 13,000 planes.—Reuter.

SCHOOL-GIRL LAUNCHES SHIP

A TEN-YEAR-OLD HONGKONG school-girl launched the Tai Szeho at the Kowloon Docks this morning.

The ship is a new water-bomb ordered by the Union Waterboat Company. The girl was Penelope Dodwell, daughter of the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell and Mrs. Dodwell.

The large bottle of champagne welded by Penelope's tiny hands smashed against the bows of the ship as the young school-girl, in a piping voice, named it "Tai Szeho."

Afterwards, while the elders drank champagne in honour of the occasion Penelope and three play-mates quaffed their thirst in lemonade.

"It was good fun," said Penelope.

JAPAN'S REPLIES DO NOT SATISFY AMERICA

HANKOW, Dec. 28.

THE UNITED STATES' Consulate in Hankow has protested to the Japanese military authorities against the conversion of American church and missionary property at Wuchang into a house for prostitution.

It is alleged that Japanese soldiers, accompanied by Japanese women, occupied the schools, forcing teachers to seek refuge in the church.

The missionaries reported that the Japanese troops later forced the Chinese teachers to assist in fitting up the schools for occupation by the Japanese women.

Meanwhile, in Washington, Mr. Sumner Welles has confirmed that the U.S. Ambassador in Tokyo, Mr. Harold Grew, has made new representations to the Japanese Foreign Office regarding the unsatisfactory replies received from the (Continued on Page 7.)

LATEST

CHRISTMAS CHOLERA CASES

Christmas in Hongkong did not pass without disease claiming new victims.

The official return of notifiable diseases in Hongkong during the last four days shows there were four cases of cholera, which brings the year's total to 546.

Five new victims of small-pox were reported, four cases of meningitis, three of dysentery, three of measles, two each of diphtheria, and enteric fever, and one of chicken-pox.

The dysentery incidence for the year now aggregates 1,051.

AIR MAIL DELAYED

NO MORE AIR mails will arrive in Hongkong until Saturday.

This is a result of the wild spell of cold weather that has swept Europe during the past fortnight.

During one stage it completely disorganised the Continental air services, including the Imperial Airways Empire services.

Outward Imperial Airways planes were held up at Southampton, inward planes at Marseilles.

As a result, there is no mail at Singapore for the Hongkong feeder service planes to collect.

Australian mail which will arrive there before the end of the week will be held until Friday, when planes will bring both Australian and Home mail to Hongkong.

Delay until Saturday will mean that Hongkong will be nine days without mail.

FIERCE WINTER BLASTS IN U.S.

NEW YORK,
Dec. 27.

FIERCE ICY GALES and blinding snowstorms are sweeping the northern half of the United States, and temperatures are experienced as low as 37 degrees below zero.

A 61 m.p.h. gale is lashing the Great Lakes, and coastguards report the heaviest sea for years is pounding the eastern shore of Lake Michigan, while 30-foot waves are turning Lake Erie into a miniature Atlantic.

In Erie and Buffalo, gales have necessitated ropes along the streets to enable pedestrians to remain upright.

There are 10-foot snowdrifts in the north-west. Trains, filled with holiday-makers, have been delayed.

So far no casualties have been reported despite the dangerous conditions for pedestrians and travellers. Reports from Toronto state that the worst snowstorm of the winter is raging throughout Ontario.—*Reuter.*

500 VIOLENT DEATHS

New York, Dec. 27. The number of violent deaths over the three-day Christmas holiday is increasing towards 500, as the Canadian blizzard to-day swept eastward across the north and central States. It is predicted that the cold snap would encompass two-thirds of the eastern part of the United States by to-morrow.

Officials of major airlines at Chicago grounded their machines as a precautionary measure.—*United Press.*

France Will Convert Big Railway Debt

Paris, Dec. 27. The Finance Minister, in a broadcast to the nation to-day, announced the conversion to a four per cent. basis of the entire external debt of the French railways, amounting to 3,500,000,000 francs, which is now issued at from five to six per cent.

The new loan will run for 30 years, and will be convertible after three years. It is to be issued at 95. An official announcement of the loan states that France has negotiated a loan of £20,000,000 from a group of Swiss and Dutch banks, and that £12,000,000 will be placed in Holland and £8,000,000 in Switzerland, but the public issue in Holland will be only £4,000,000 as £4,000,000 were placed before the issue.—*Reuter.*



Group photograph taken at the recent Christmas Gala Dance held at the Cheero Club.—King's Studio.

CHIANG'S DENIAL OF PEACE RUMOURS

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27.

COMPLETELY SETTING to rest wide-spread rumours concerning the movement of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in an address at yesterday's memorial meeting here declared that they were clearly fabricated by Japanese political agents to mislead the Chinese people and undermine international confidence.

The Generalissimo stated that Mr. Wang's trip to Hanoi was entirely personal, to obtain medical treatment for his liver and heart ailment.

It had absolutely no political significance, much less any connection with the Military Affairs Commission, or the Central Party Headquarters or the National Government.

Categorically refuting unfounded rumours spread by German broadcast stations that Mr. Wang was away from Chungking to negotiate peace terms with Japan on behalf of the Military Affairs Commission, General Chiang said these rumours are clearly bent on casting seeds of doubt on the Chinese people and disturbing international confidence in China.

General Chiang pointed out as significant the fact that rumours concerning Mr. Wang were disseminated immediately after Prince Kung's statement on December 22.

General Chiang paid a glowing tribute to the character and personality of Mr. Wang, who had worked hardest and borne the chief brunt during the past few years for the National cause.

JAPAN'S DESIGNS BARED

General Chiang pointed out that with the recent establishment by Tokyo of the China Development Board and with it a whole lot of hue and cry for a China-Japan-Manchukuo bloc, the Japanese

design to conquer China has been bared to its teeth. It would be unthinkable for any Chinese people cognizant of the situation to entertain any longer any idea of compromise or peace.

General Chiang said he could guarantee for the fact that Mr. Wang was the bitterest hater and most uncompromising antagonist of Japan's designs.

The Generalissimo referred to the long and close relationship between Mr. Wang and himself and said that Mr. Wang entertained any different opinion on China's national policy he would certainly have tabled it for open discussion before the councils of the Party organ.

General Chiang in conclusion voiced the belief that the Chinese people would certainly not waver through the canards of Japanese propagandists.—*Central News.*

The Dockers' M.P. Dies

London, Dec. 27. Sir James Sexton, "the dockers' M.P.", former general secretary of the National Union of Dock Labourers, past President of the T.U.C. and Labour Member for St. Helen's Division of Lancashire from 1918 to 1931, died to-day in Liverpool, aged 82.—*British Wireless.*

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12.30 Herbert Groh (Tenor) and Orchestra Raymonde. Song Of The Vagabonds (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml); Only A Rose (from 'The Vagabond King'—Friml).—Orchestra Raymonde cond. by G. Walter; Lovell's Woman Of Vienna—Waltz Song (Wardner); Moonlight In Venice—Venetian Gondola Song (Hanser).—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Manhattan Moonlight (Alter); Manhattan Serenade (Alter).—Orchestra Raymonde; Because I Love You, Bella Lucal (Schule); You Lovely Ladies (Siegel).—Herbert E. Groh (Tenor) with Orchestra (Sung in German); Love Is My Life—Waltz (Strauss—arr. G. Walter).—Orchestra Raymonde with Vocal Quintette.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Beethoven—Trio In D Major, Op. 70, No. 1. Menuhin (Piano); Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).—1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather, Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Dance Music and Variety. Quick Step—Avalon.... Vocal Rossing and His Swing Stars; Vocal—Parlman Pierrot (Coward).—Noel Coward acc. by The Phoenix Theatre Orch. London cond. by Clifford Greenwood; Dance Orch.—Sophisticated Lady—Slow Fox-Trot; Jealous—Fox-Trot.... Nat Gonella and His Georgian with vocal refrain; Humorous—John Henry's Ghost.... John Henry acc. by Gledys Horridge; Dance Orch.—La Compara—Cuban Dance; Bellita—Rumba.... Don Bureto and His Cuban Orch.; Vocal—Alice Delysia (Soprano) with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Frank Titterton (Tenor) and New Light Symphony Orchestra. Raymond—Overture (Thomas).—New Light Symphony Orchestra; Astoria (Trotter) Tosti; Beauty's Eyes.... Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley and His Quintet; Bulfoon (Confrey).... New Light Symphony Orchestra; Songs That Live Forever (Lockton, Longstaffe).—Frank Titterton (Tenor) with Fred Hartley and His Quintet; Cavatina (Raff); Solemn Melody (Davies).—New Light Symphony Orchestra.

6.30 Wilfrid Thomas, Elsie and Doris Waters and London Piano-Accordeon Orchestra. Good Evening! Pretty Lady (Damerell and Evans).—London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood; Gert, Daisy And The Knot-Hole; The Coronation Girls.... Elsie and Doris Waters (Comedienne) with Orchestra; Where The Mountains Meet The Sea (Butler and Tilsley); Remembrance (Green and Melf).—The London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood; Songs Of The Sandman.... Wilfrid Thomas (Baritone) with Piano accomp.; One Night In Monte Carlo (Sherman and Lewis); There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Wood).—London Piano-Accordeon Band directed by Scott Wood.

6.58 Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.0 Dance Music. Fox-Trot—Your Heart And Mine; Keep A Twinkle In Your Eye.... Billy Cotton and His Band with Vocal Chorus; Fox-Trots—Blue Danube Swing; Night Ride.... Eddie Carroll and His Swinglantic Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Once In A While; Waltz—Giannina Mia (film 'Firefly').... Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Tangos—Viejito Tienpos; Condens.... Orquesta Tipica Fran-

cisco Canaro; Fox-Trots—Slipping Through My Fingers; It's Love Again.... Lew Stone and His Band.

7.30 London Relay—For What We Have Received.

A Gastronomical Guide for Gullible Gourmands—Incorporating Expert Advice on the Pleasures of the Table and Under It. By A. K. Hamilton Jenkin. Produced by John Cheate.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Mozart—Quintet In C Major, K. 515. Pro Arte Quartet and Alfred Hobday (2nd Viola).

8.40 Excerpts from Mozart's 'The Magic Flute'.

In diesen heiligen Hallen.... Strienz; Sold uns zum awellen Mai willkommen.... Bellke; Spletter; Berglund; Ach, ich fühl's, es ist verschwunden.... Lemnitz; O Isis und Osiris, welche Wonne!.... Chorus; Soll ich dich, Teurer, nicht mehr sehn?... Lemnitz; Strienz; Roswange.... and Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Thomas Beecham.

9.0 London Relay—Empire Exchange.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies. 9.15 Paderevski at the Piano. Variations In F Minor (Haydn); Mazurka In A Flat Major, Op. 59, No. 2 (Chopin); Mazurka In D Major, Op. 33, No. 2 (Chopin).

9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Songs by Gill (Tenor). It is You (Sandoval)... (Sung in Spanish) with Orchestra; Say you will not forget (Furno-de Curtis); Mille Chérubini In Coro (Senartr-Schubert-Melchior)... (Sung in Italian) with Orchestra. 10.0 London Relay—In Town To-night.

Introducing unusual stories from every walk of life, flashes from the news of the week, and 'Standing on the Corner' (Interviews with man in the street). Produced by C. F. McEwan.

10.30 Dvorak—Quintet In A Major, Op. 81. Artur Schnabel and The Pro Arte Quartet.

11.0 Close down.

Rail Disaster In Rumania

Bucharest, Dec. 27. It has been possible to identify 52 of the victims of the railway catastrophe which occurred on Saturday night and reported in the 'Telegraph' yesterday, while 41 others have been mutilated beyond all recognition.

Telephone communications in Rumania have not yet been re-established and the whole country is still isolated in that respect from abroad.

This explains the delay in obtaining information concerning the full extent of the disaster, although the scene of the accident is less than 20 miles from Galatz.

All goods traffic on Rumanian railways has been suspended until further notice as a precautionary measure, in view of the exceptionally heavy snowfall.—*Trans-Ocean.*



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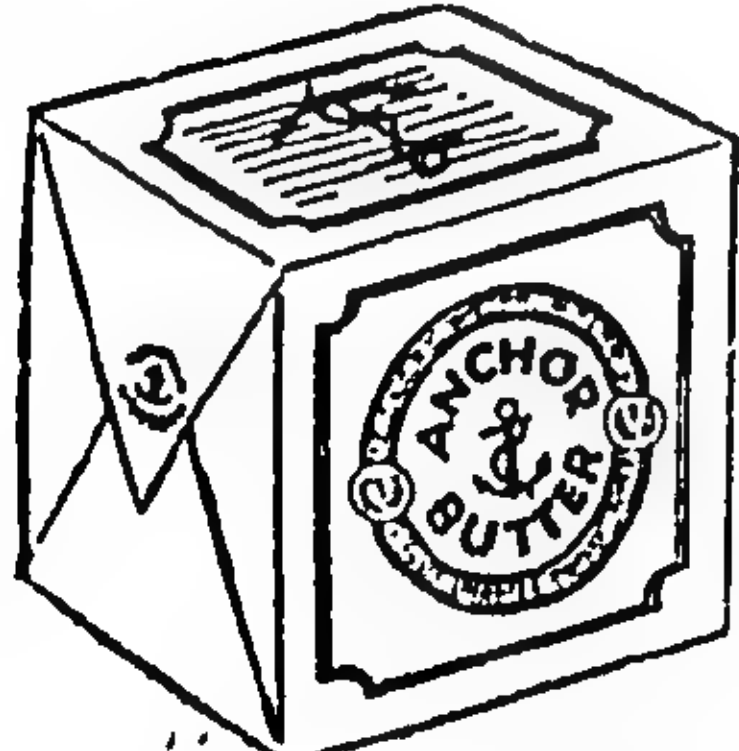
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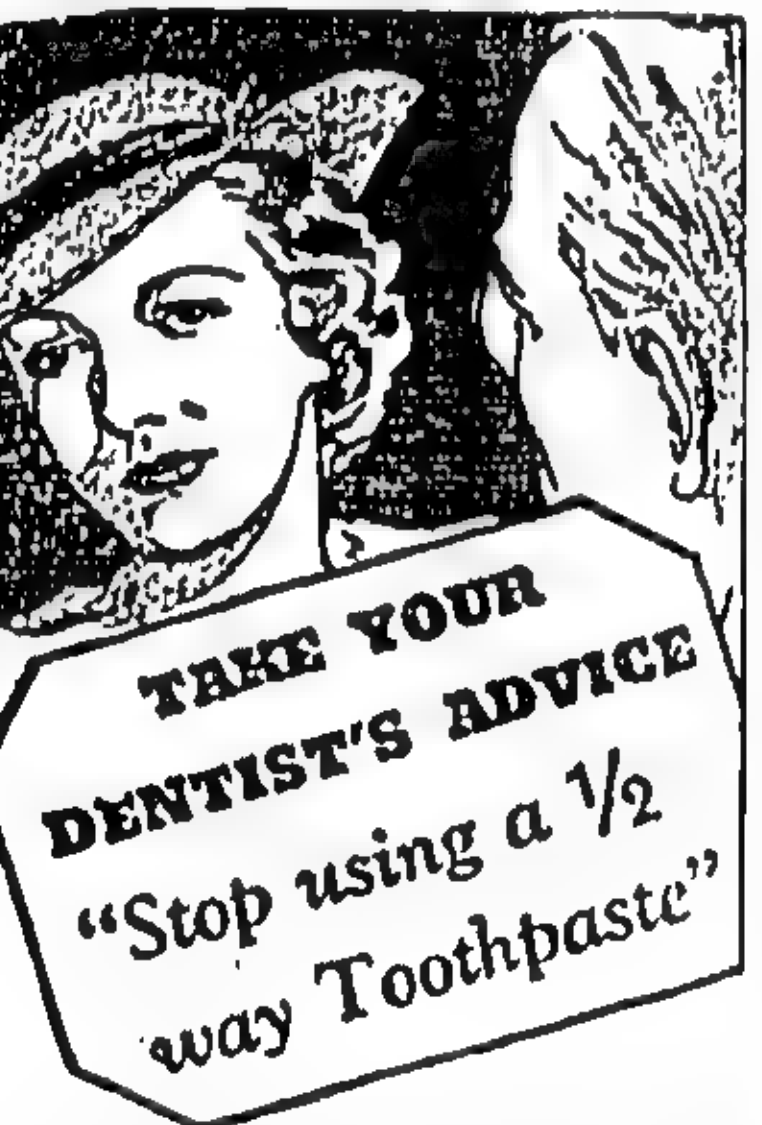


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Fine Weather To Continue

Sunshine Expected To Greet New Year

The fine weather which was enjoyed during the Christmas holidays, is to continue, and it is fairly certain that Hongkong will greet the New Year with sunshine.

The local forecast issued by the Royal Observatory this morning promised fresh north-east winds, with fine conditions.

No depressions are in the neighbourhood of the Colony, the weather forecast indicating that the anticyclone remains stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, and has increased slightly in intensity; pressure is relatively low over the East Indies.

Yesterday was slightly warmer in Hongkong, with a maximum temperature of 60, and a minimum of 54. At 10 o'clock this morning the thermometer had mounted to 61, while humidity registered 51 per cent.

The last 24 hours produced no rain, the rainfall for the year remaining at 55.35 inches, which is a fraction less than 30 inches below the average.

Chile Starts Purge Of Army Generals

Santiago de Chile, Dec. 27. The wholesale purge of Government officials and high army officers is taking place, following the installation of a Popular Front Government on December 15.

The reorganisation involves the resignation of eight generals, and the dismissal of most heads of departments and permanent under-secretaries.

Seventy-five per cent. of the diplomatic corps will be replaced, Reuters.

Germany Seeks Doctors For Colonies

BERLIN, Dec. 27. COLONIAL doctors are being sought here "in case Germany gets her colonies back." The German Medical Journal, discussing this, states that only doctors who complete a special course of preparation have any prospect of being considered for this work.

Doctors who are interested, are asked to apply to the Reich Medical Chamber.—Reuter.

Prison For Attempted Bag-Snatching

Falling in his attempt to snatch a handbag from Mrs. N. A. Linjap of Cameron Road, and was arrested, Wong Fook-long, 35, unemployed, was sent to Stanley Gaol for two months by Mr. E. H. H. Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for attempted larceny.

Detective-Sergeant A. F. Cochrane said that about 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Mrs. Linjap was walking along Cameron Road, towards Nathan Road, when the defendant made a rush towards her from the front and tried to snatch her bag, but he failed. Defendant was caught by Mr. Gonzales who gave chase.

Col. T. McLeod has been appointed to succeed Colonel A. Burrows as Chief of the Royal Artillery in Hongkong. Col. McLeod is due in Hongkong on March 12.

The N.D.L. liner Potsdam will leave here for Shanghai and Japan at 9 p.m.

THREE YEARS FOR SELLING FORGED NOTES TO POLICE

HOW the Police set a trap for a trafficker in forged bank-notes was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when Hui Chi-shan, 48-year-old rice broker, was sentenced to three years hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, for uttering two forged \$50 bank notes of the Chartered Bank and with possession of six others.

Accused pleaded not guilty, and the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. E. L. Hosie (Foreman), Tai Fook-lam, E. C. F. Curtis, Fung In-cheung, Ho Shun-hing, Li Chiu-lung and Seah Cheow-hong.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. Whyatt, Crown Counsel, submitted that the issues which had to be proved would establish beyond all doubt the guilt of prisoner because the Police had set a trap for him—a trap into which he walked and from which he would find it impossible to escape.

TRAP LAID AT POLICE STATION

Early in November, went on Counsel, Police received certain information concerning the sale of forged bank-notes, and as a result a meeting was held in the Yau-mat Police Station, which was attended by Lam Siu, Woo Shik-po, Chinese detective C450, Ho Ping and Acting Sub-inspector C. Mottram. At the meeting certain plans were evolved whereby it was hoped evidence would be forthcoming which would justify a charge being laid.

To carry out the execution of the plan, the numbers of ten genuine \$10 bank-notes were taken down, after which these were given to Woo. Further details were discussed and after the meeting had been adjourned, Lam crossed the harbour to the Hongkong side in search of a man named Chan Sou-kau. Unable to

find him, Lam went to a cafe in Connaught Road Central, where he met accused, who said he would go to Kowloon himself to see the purchaser.

Together they went to the On Lok Yuen Cafe in Yau-mat, and there they met Woo, who posed as the prospective purchaser. Accused said he had not the bank-notes on him at the time but promised to return with them later in the evening.

He and Lam then came back to the Hongkong side. They went to the cafe in Connaught Road Central, and there accused asked Lam to wait. He was away for quite a long time, and on his return he asked Lam to go with him to Wing Sing Street. On arriving there, he told Lam to wait at the corner while he went to get some forged bank-notes. He returned about 15 minutes later, and they went together to the On Lok Yuen Cafe in Yau-mat again. They entered a cubicle, which was closed and separated from others, but when accused went into it, Counsel observed, he little realised that he was walking into a police trap.

WALKED INTO TRAP

Meanwhile, Woo was sent for, and he joined them a few minutes later. Accused produced six forged bank-notes, and said he had been selling them for years. Woo said he would purchase two of them and asked how much they would cost. Accused replied \$12 for each \$50 forged bank-note, and as Woo wanted to buy only two he produced \$24, consisting of two \$10 notes, the numbers of which had already been recorded.

Accused put the money in his pocket and handed in exchange two of the forged bank-notes. Incriminating evidence having been obtained, said Mr. Whyatt, all that was required was for the Police to walk in and arrest accused. That was exactly what happened, for Detective C450 and Sergeant W. C. Morrison had been waiting nearby.

When formally charged, accused said he bought the notes from one Chat Koo and handed them to Lam to take and give to Ah To in the On Lok Yuen Cafe.

Lam Siu then gave evidence, and in answer to accused, admitted having previously asked him to get forged notes for him. Woo Chik-po gave corroborative evidence and denied accused's suggestion that he forced the notes into his pocket when the Police arrived.

FAIRLY GOOD FORGERIES

Evidence of arrest was given by Detective Ho Ping and Sergeant Morrison; both of them said Acting Sub-inspector Mottram was not at the time. Ho Wing-siu, sheriff of the Chartered Bank, testified that the notes were fairly good forgeries, and the Crown's case concluded with the reading of accused's statement by Ma Siu-hong, Police interpreter.

In a statement from the dock, accused said it was Lam who sold the two notes to Woo and alleged that the remaining four were forced into his pocket when the Police arrived. It was Mr. Mottram and not Sergeant Morrison who arrested him, because when the former arrived to check his head on seeing Woo force the notes on him.

The Jury found prisoner guilty on both counts, and sentence of three years' hard labour was passed.

SHOULD HUSBANDS AND WIVES HAVE SEPARATE FRIENDS?

Im just going out for an hour, dear. I want to see some of the boys

Oh Jim, I wish you didn't go out so often in the evenings. I see so little of you these days

2 EVENINGS LATER

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NEXT MORNING

I know it's all right Jim having his own friends. Mother, it's the modern idea, but it does worry me - I see so little of him

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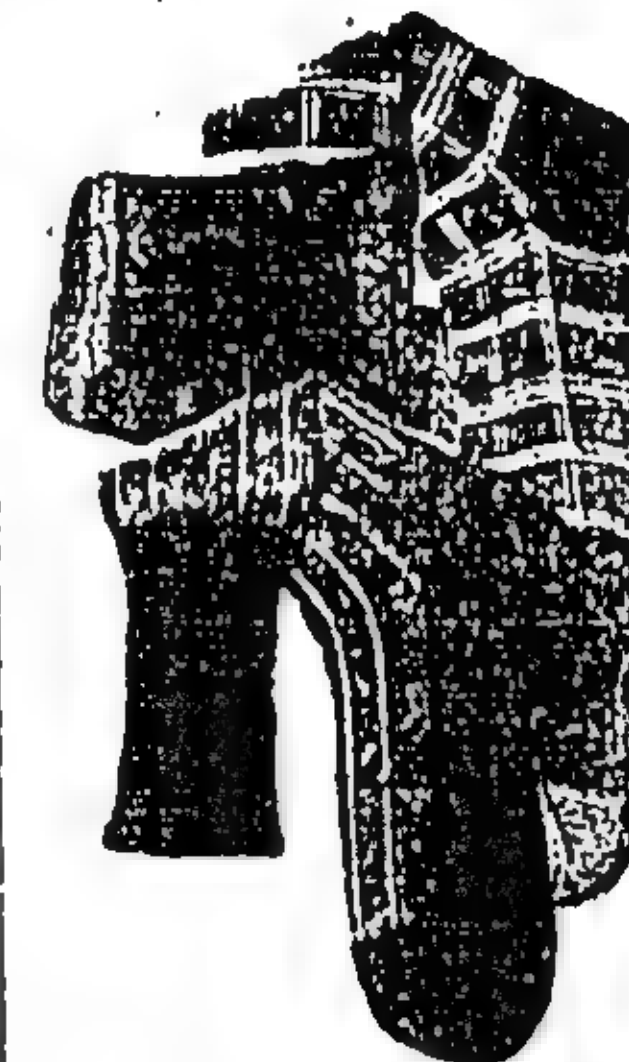


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New Glass Is Discovered

Schenectady, N.Y., Dec. 27. It is announced that Dr. Katherine Blodgett, scientist at the General Electric Laboratories, has discovered a new process whereby certain chemicals applied to both surfaces of glass eliminates glare therefrom and it becomes "clear as air".

It is expected to be commercialized soon, and is reputedly most useful for photographers by increasing the "fidelity" of lenses eight per cent.—United Press.

German Decoration For Japan's Envoy

Berlin, Dec. 27. Herr Hitler, through Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, has bestowed on the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Oshima, the Grand Cross of the Order of the German Eagle.—United Press.

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Arabs Ambush Motor Column

Jerusalem, Dec. 27. Arab irregulars to-day ambushed a motor car column which was proceeding from Jerusalem to Jaffa, escorted by an armoured car.

Four persons are reported to have been slightly wounded.

In Tiberia, a Jewish-owned wholesale concern was destroyed by fire, the cause of which it has not been possible to ascertain.

In Nazareth, Arab irregulars opened fire on a police block house. It is not known whether there were any casualties.

There was a sharp exchange of shots on Monday night between British soldiers and Arab irregulars near a road leading from Nablus to Tulkarem. Afterwards the Arabs made good their escape.

In the south of Palestine, the railway line in the neighbourhood of Barabara has been partially destroyed by bomb explosions.—*Trans-Ocean.*

Another British Steamer Sunk

London, Dec. 27. The British steamer, *Stancraft*, a 1,400-ton vessel belonging to a London shipping company, was hit by a bomb and sunk during a large-scale bombardment of Barcelona, carried out by insurgent aircraft to-day, according to reports reaching here.

All members of the crew are said to have escaped unhurt.

The same steamer figured largely in the news in July last, when her skipper appeared before a tribunal on a charge of violating the provisions of the non-intervention agreement by attempting to carry arms to Barcelona. The charge was disproved.—*Trans-Ocean.*

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Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,

Hon. Secretary.

December 22, 1938.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS
H.K. Bank, £1,400 n.
H.K. Bank, £1,400 n.
Chartered, £1,400 n.
Mercantile, A. & B., £27 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C., £13 n.
East Asia, £8 n.

INSURANCES
Canton, £465 n.
Union, £70 n.
China Underwriters, £178 n.
H.K. Fire, £178 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas, £62 b.
Steamboats, £17 1/2 n.
Indo-China, £24 n.
Indo-China, £24 n.
Shell Bearers, £80 7/2 n.
Waterbats, £9 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves, £115 b.
Docks (old), £18 1/2 n.
Docks (new), £17 1/2 n.
Provident (old), £17 1/2 n.
Provident (new), £17 1/2 n.
New Eng. Sh., £55 n.
Sh. Docks, £100 n.
Kailan s/, £17 1/2 n.
Raubs, £9 3/4 n.
Venz, £43 n.
Hongkong Mines, £7 1/2 n.

MINING
Antamok, £52 n.
Atoks, £27 n.
Baguio Gold, £24 n.
Benguet Con., £145 n.
Coco Grove, £51 n.
Con. Mines, £100 n.
Demonstrations, £28 1/2 n.
I.X.L., £12 n.
Gumaus, £12 n.
San Mauricio, £180 n.
Suyoc Consol, £21 n.
Paracale, £63 n.

LANDS
Hotels, £30 1/2 n.
Lands 4% deb., £107 1/2 n.
Sh. Lands Sh., £9 1/4 n.
Humphreys, £9 n.
H.K. Realties, £5 n.
Chinese Estates, £90 n.

UTILITIES
Tram, £17.20 n.
Peak Trams (old), £36 1/4 n.
Peak Trams (new), £37 1/4 n.
Star Ferries, £71 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (old), £22 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new), £22 1/2 n.
China Light, £9.70 n.
China Light Rights, £57 3/4 n.
H.K. Electric, £17 1/2 n.
Sundankan Lights, £10.60 n.
Telephone (old), £23 n.
Telephone (new), £58.60 n.
Tractions s/, £21 3/4 n.
Singapore Pref., £25/- n.

INDUSTRIAL
Cald. Macg. (ord.), £14 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pre.), £13 n.
Canton Ice, £17.0 n.
Cements, £15 1/2 n.
Ropes, £4.25 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms, £24.50 n.
Watsons, £37.45 n.
Crawfords, £8 n.
Sinceres, £2 n.
Wing On (H.K.), £36 n.
Powell, Ltd., £90 n.

COTTON MILLS
Two Cotton Ex. rt. Sh., £10 1/4 n.
Shal Cotton Sh., £104 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh., £24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh., £40 n.

MISC.
H.K. Entertainments, £6.00 n.
Constructions, £13 1/4 n.
Vibro Piling, £0 3/4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925, £75 1/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, £0 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% par b., £15/0 n.
Marsmans (Lon.), s/, £15/0 n.
Marsmans (H.K.), s/, £3/- n.

MANILA SHARES

The following quotations were received after the close of the morning session through Reuters:

Business Done
Antamok, £21 n.
Baguio Gold, £21 n.

Exchange At A Glance

SKILLING

T.T. London, £s. 2 1/4
Demand, £s. 2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai, 172 Nom.
T.T. Singapore, 53 1/2
T.T. Japan, 100 1/4
T.T. India, 63
T.T. U.S.A., 29 1/2
T.T. Manila, 57 1/2
T.T. Batavia, 53 1/2
T.T. Bangkok, 140 1/4
T.T. Saigon, 100
T.T. France, 10.00
T.T. Germany, 72
T.T. Switzerland, 127 1/4
T.T. Australia, 1/0 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s L/c London, 1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/p do., 1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A., 29 1/2
4 m/s France, 11.45
30 d/s India, 84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon., 4.66 1/2

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 27.
New York Cotton
Jan. (1939), 8.25/23
Mar. (1939), 8.35/35
May (1939), 8.10/16
July (1939), 7.90/88
Oct. (1939), 7.57/57
Dec. (1939), 7.78/80
New York Rubber
December, 16.71A
Mar. (1939), 16.50/60
May, 16.40/48
September, 16.19/53A
October, 16.55A
Sales for the day: 1,530 tons.

Chicago Wheat
May, 67 1/2/67 1/2
July, 67 1/2/67 1/2
September, 68 1/2/68 1/2
Saturday's Sales: 4,510,000 bushels.
Chicago Corn
May, 52 1/2/52 1/2
July, 53 1/2/53 1/2
September, 53 1/2/53 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat
December, 61 1/2/61 1/2
May, 62 1/2/62 1/2
July, 62 1/2/63
Benguet Cons., 1450
Coco Grove, 51
Consolidated Mines, 50 1/2
Demonstration, 20 1/2
I.X.L., Unq.
Paracale Gumaus, 12
San Mauricio, 180
Suyoc, 21
United Paracale, 63
The following is Swan, Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market held a dull session with the general list practically unchanged. Antamok and United Paracale both showed losses of one centavo, while Benguet Consolidated lost 20 centavos. Both Coco Grove and San Mauricio showed gains, being one and two centavos respectively. Antamok, I.X.L. and Suyoc all went ex-dividend.

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OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

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INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Straits and Europe via Nippon Yusen	Conte Rosso	December 28.
Panama and Swatow	Lupeh	December 28.
Straits	Mencius	December 28.
Manila	Potsdam	December 28.
Straits	Van Heutz	December 28.
Shanghai	Boissevain	December 28.
Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	December 28.
Japan	La Plata Maru	December 28.
Japan	Nankin	December 28.
Amoy	Taima	December 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Bangalore	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 10th December.	Emp. of Japan	December 30.
Shanghai	M/V Nankin	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 30.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 25th December.	Imperial Airways Plane	December 31.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 21st December.	Pan-American Airways Plane	December 31.
Java	Tjilatjap	December 31.
Straits	Behar	January 1.
Sulawesi	Lao	January 1.
Straits	Sarpedon	January 1.
Java and Manila	Tjilatjap	January 2.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai and Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) via Siberia	K.P.O.	Wed., Dec. 28.
	Reg.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 28, 7 p.m.
Thursday		
Swatow and Tientsin	Tai Sun Hong	Thurs., Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels and Papers only for South Africa via Durban.	La Plata Maru	Thurs., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Dairen	Ursula Rickmers	Thurs., Dec. 29, 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong and Tientsin	Wingsang	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
Amoy and Tientsin	Holhow	Thurs., Dec. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Van Huelst	Thurs., Dec. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29.
	K.P.O.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 7th January 1939.	Imperial Airways Plane	Thurs., Dec. 29.
	K.P.O.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Friday		
Swatow	Kiangsu	Fri., Dec. 30, 6.30 a.m.
Tientsin	Leesang	Fri., Dec. 30, 6.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Holhow	Shantung	Fri., Dec. 30, 6.30 a.m.
Formosa and Amoy	Canton Maru	Fri., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 10th January.	Terukuni Maru	Fri., Dec. 30.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Dec. 30, 6.30 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 10.00 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 10.00 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th January.	Imperial Airways Plane	Fri., Dec. 30.
	K.P.O.	Dec. 30, 6.45 a.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Fri., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.
Papers for Straits and (Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta)	Taima	Fri., Dec. 30.
	Papers	Dec. 31, 9.00 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 17th January.	Nankin	Fri., Dec. 30.
	Parcels	Dec. 30, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 a.m.
Saturday		
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco 10th January 1939	Pres. Taft	Sat., Dec. 31.
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.	Dec. 31, 3.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 7th Jan.	Pan-American Airways Plane	Sat., Dec. 31.
	K.P.O.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Shanghai	Sochow	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Tientsin	Toksang	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.

Peasants, Gendarmes Clash On Border

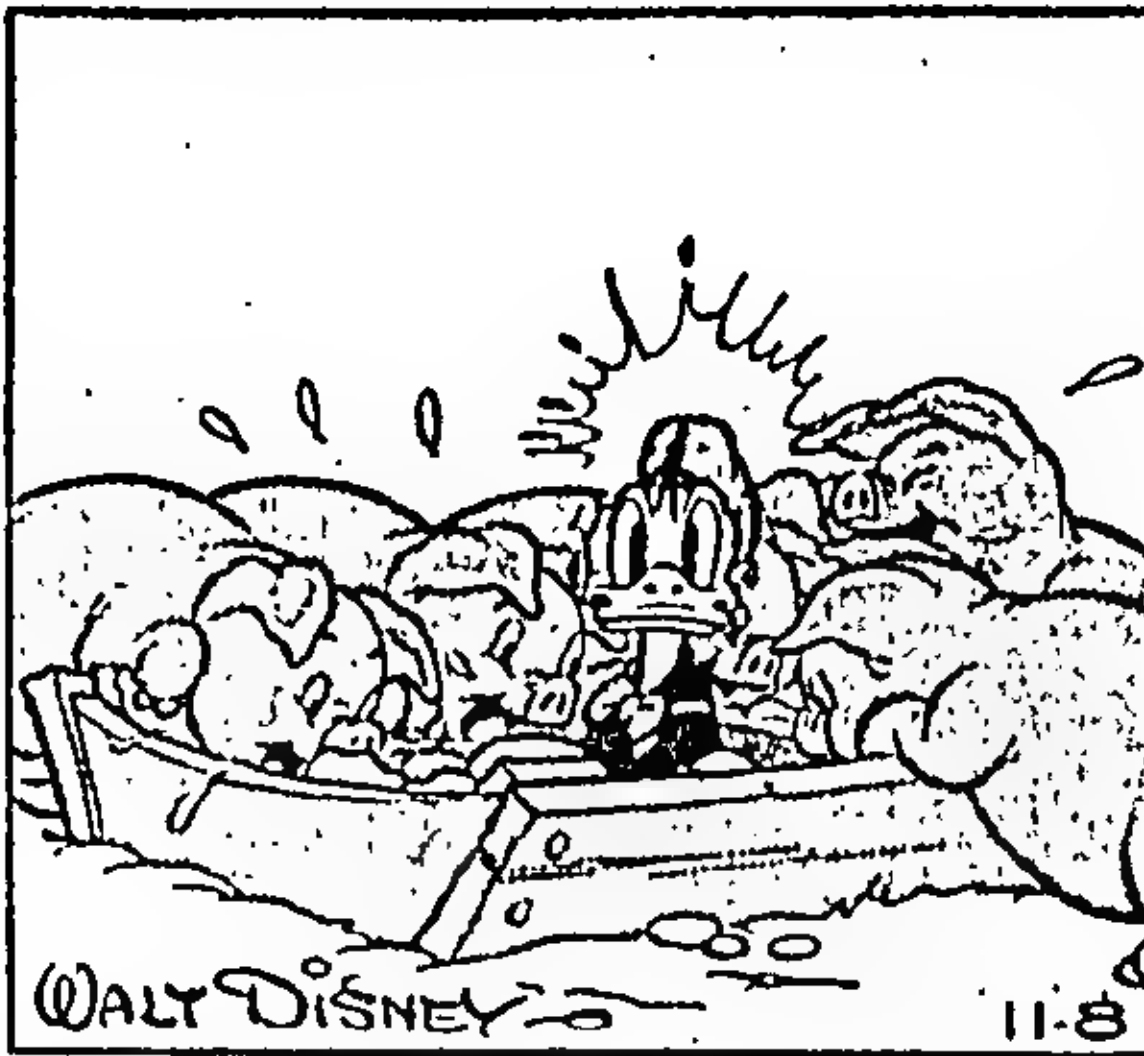
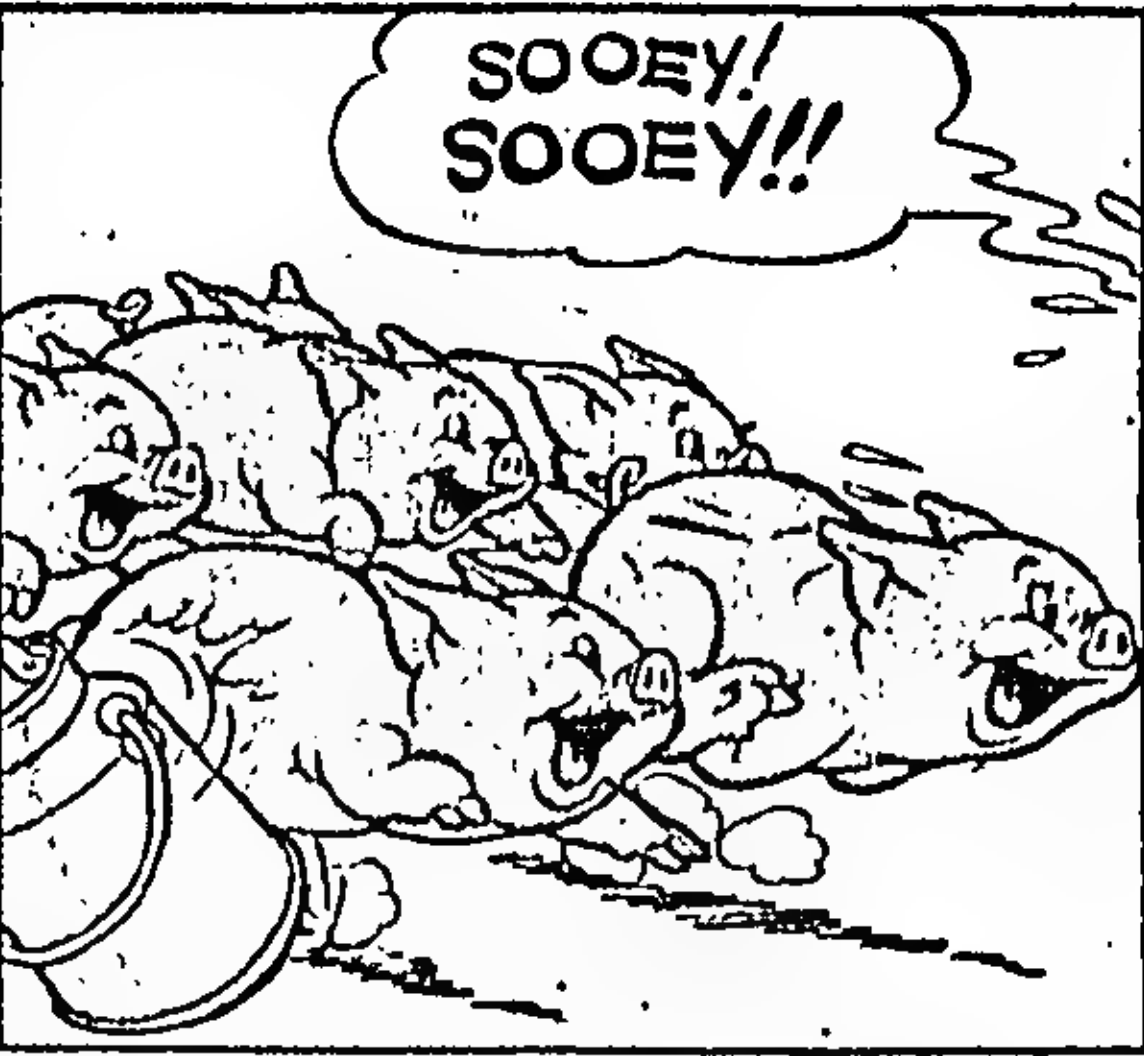
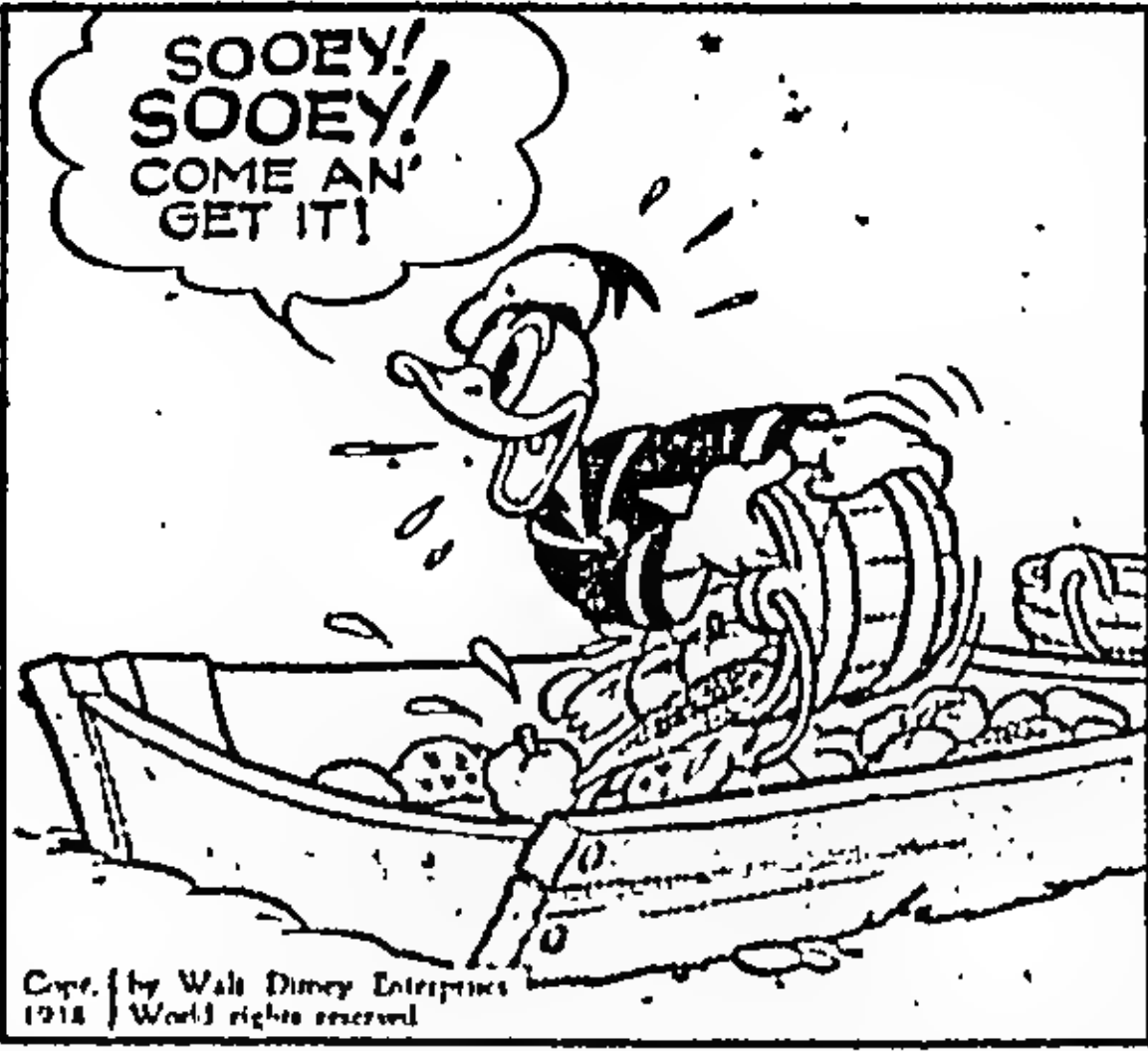
Budapest, Dec. 27. One was killed, and many wounded in a clash between Slovak peasants, armed with knives and sticks, and Hungarian gendarmes in the commune of Nagyurony and Zog near the Czech-Hungarian frontier. It is officially announced to-day. The encounter followed a demonstration in which the Slovaks de-

CHINESE RADIO STATION TO BROADCAST JAPANESE

Kweliang, Dec. 28. Beginning from to-morrow, reports on the war situation in the Japanese language will be broadcast from the broadcasting station here daily at 0.10-0.20 p.m. (Chungking time).—*Central News.*

manded the return to Czechoslovakia of two communes which had been allocated to Hungary in the recent Anglo-German arbitration.—*Reuter.*

DONALD DUCK



GREETINGS



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Chinese Gangster Kidnaps His Mother

Shanghai, Dec. 28. CHINESE reports state that Tang Sung-lin, who is nicknamed "Wild Dog", aided by his gangster friends, is in complete control of the Chenkwan village at Fooking.

It is reported that he kidnapped his own mother on his sister's wedding day because she refused to share the wedding presents with him.

It is said that he burned his mother's house, and that he is now demanding additional cash, which his mother is unable to pay.

Japanese soldiers are said to be on their way to the village.—United Press.

Trans-Pacific Air Mail Efficiency

Washington, Dec. 27. In his annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938, the Postmaster General, Mr. James A. Farley said that on the Trans-Pacific airmail route, outbound mail had increased 58.6 per cent. over the previous fiscal year, and that the inbound mail had increased 33.1 per cent.

The performance of service for the year averaged 99.84 per cent. of the service scheduled, compared to 99.20 per cent. for the service scheduled on the United States-Latin American routes.—United Press.

JAPANESE FORECAST FOR 1939

SCOTTISH FIRMS LINKED WITH U. S. SCANDAL

GLASGOW, Dec. 27. FOUR Scottish firms have received notices from Mr. James Caffrey, Regional Administrator of the Securities Exchange Commission of New York, that they are indebted to the firm of McKesson, Robbins Corporation, the President of which committed suicide recently, totalling more than \$50,000, according to an investigation of the drug firm's books, which is now proceeding.

Each firm denied they owed money to the corporation, and claimed that the book entries were entirely fictitious.

The four firms involved are Bell and Sons, Cockburn and Company, the Glasgow Wine and Spirits Company, and the Uddington Confectionery Manufacturing Company.—United Press.

ALLEGED BLACKMAILERS ARRESTED

New York, Dec. 27. Opening a drive for the arrest of blackmailing Donald Coster-Musien, President of the McKesson, Robbins Drug Corporation, who committed suicide recently, Government agents to-day arrested Walter R. Craig, a disbarred lawyer, on a charge of extortion with the use of blackmail.

A second accused person was arrested at the same time, but his identity has not been disclosed.—Reuter.

FIRM'S PIER LOSSES

Asia Lands, Ltd. Feel Effects Of War

Pier losses were commented on by Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie presiding at the seventh annual general meeting of the Asia Lands Ltd., at Mercantile Bank Building yesterday. Mr. G. Miskin, retiring Director, was present and was re-elected. Mr. John Fleming was the other Director present.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman in his speech, said: Although the accounts put before you again show a heavy loss, I am glad to be able to say that the forebodings voiced by me at the annual general meeting last year of a complete cessation of our principal source of revenue consequent upon the Sino-Japanese hostilities, which have now extended to South China, did not materialise to the extent feared.

There was only a decline of about \$4,000 in revenue from the use of the Hing Kee Wharf while the Po Tak Wharf revenue maintained the same level as last year. The former wharf is not situated in so favourable a locality and naturally suffers to a greater extent in any trade disruption. However, the fact that this Company was able to derive any income at all from its wharf properties in these very troublous times makes it hopeful that we may yet turn the corner when conditions in South China return to normal with a consequent trade revival.

Revenue from our house Properties has increased, all being let at reasonable rentals, and every economy in expenditure has been effected compatible with maintaining the properties in a sound condition.

A piece of vacant land situated next to our Breezy Property has been sold for \$10,000 at a reasonable profit and completion of sale is expected shortly. In view of the Company's position, your Directors do not propose to credit revenue with any profit when the full purchase price is received, but to apply the whole amount in reduction of the book value of the Breezy Terrace property which stands at a somewhat higher figure than present prices warrant.

With regard to our Investment which is shown at the nominal sum of \$1, your Directors have had information from the purchasers, to whom the shares were sold on deferred terms, whereby we hope to receive a substantial amount in full and final settlement.

I do not think that there are any further comments I can usefully make, and I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts, as presented, be adopted. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Plenary Session Postponed

Chungking, Dec. 27. The fifth plenary session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, scheduled to meet on December 15, did not meet on the appointed date.

Strict secrecy has been maintained on the question, and only now have the authorities allowed to be published that the meeting did not take place as planned.

It is declared that the session has been postponed, but the new date is not being released for publication.—Reuter.

Predicts Troublous Days Ahead

TOKYO, Dec. 28. JAPAN'S leading financial daily, the "Chuganishogyo" has made a forecast to-day of the conditions in the world during 1939. Its conclusions, as summarised in a "Reuter" message are as follows:

The prevailing political uncertainty in Europe will continue. Britain and America will not change their attitude towards Japan. The Japanese military operations will not end.

The present business depressions and erratic market conditions in Japan will continue.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei's flight will prove a step towards the Kuomintang's decomposition.

That China's reconstruction movement will make headway is hardly possible.

The stock market will worsen despite a strengthening of the control.

Tension will continue in Japan's diplomatic relations with the big Powers.—Reuter.

Chinese Soldier On Charge

Alleged Attack On Detective

Wong Shu-lun alias Li Sau-hel, described as a Chinese military officer, who is charged with wounding or causing grievous bodily harm with intent to murder Detective Sergeant Herbert Ramsey Terrell and being in possession of an unlicensed 7.65 mm. calibre Walther automatic pistol and one round of ammunition on December 3, made a further appearance at the Central Magistracy before Mr. T. J. Houston yesterday. On the application of Detective Inspector L. R. Whant who is in charge of the case, a remand for eight days was granted.

It may be remembered that Sergeant Terrell was taking Wong, who had been arrested for non-payment of some accounts, out for enquiries about midnight on December 2. When they were in the Wing On Bank Building, where Wong had his office, the latter, it is alleged, suddenly drew a pistol and fired three shots at Sergeant Terrell, one of which penetrated his throat.

Wong's last appearance in court eight days ago was on a stretcher, but he appeared with a broad smile on his face yesterday.

ENGLAND BEGINS TO THAW

London, Dec. 27. A steady and rapid thaw set in yesterday afternoon and traces of last week's severe weather are quickly disappearing.

Nevertheless many isolated villages remain snowbound, and in Lincolnshire gangs of labourers, fifty to a hundred strong, are working to cut a way through to stranded country people, with whom there has been no communication owing to interruption of the telephone service.—British Wireless.

Boatswain Faces Serious Charge

Charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on Chan Yim, a steward, on board a British ship, the s.s. Haida, at Parosval Bay, French Indo-China, on December 20, Pan Fal, 51, chief boatswain, of the Haida, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and was remanded to January 2.

Pan was allowed bail of \$200. Detective-Sergeant C. H. Goodwin prosecuted.

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JAPAN'S BOMBERS AGAIN ACTIVE

JAPANESE NAVAL AND ARMY BOMBERS, which on Sunday and Monday, carried out widespread raids on cities and towns throughout China, repeated their rain of death yesterday.

Eighteen planes bombed Liuchow, an important city in central Kwangsi, where over fifty bombs were dropped.

Tungyumen, in eastern Shansi, was also bombed by Japanese machines which firstly reconnoitered over a wide area in the province, visiting the cities of Hancheng, Pucheng, Talai and Weinan.

Chinese anti-aircraft guns went into action against a lone Japanese bomber which flew over Nanchang, the impregnable city at the terminus of the railway with Kiukiang.

No bombs were dropped.

Taungta, 30 miles north-east of Canton, which was recently a Japanese objective but is now firmly in Chinese hands, was bombed by several invading planes.

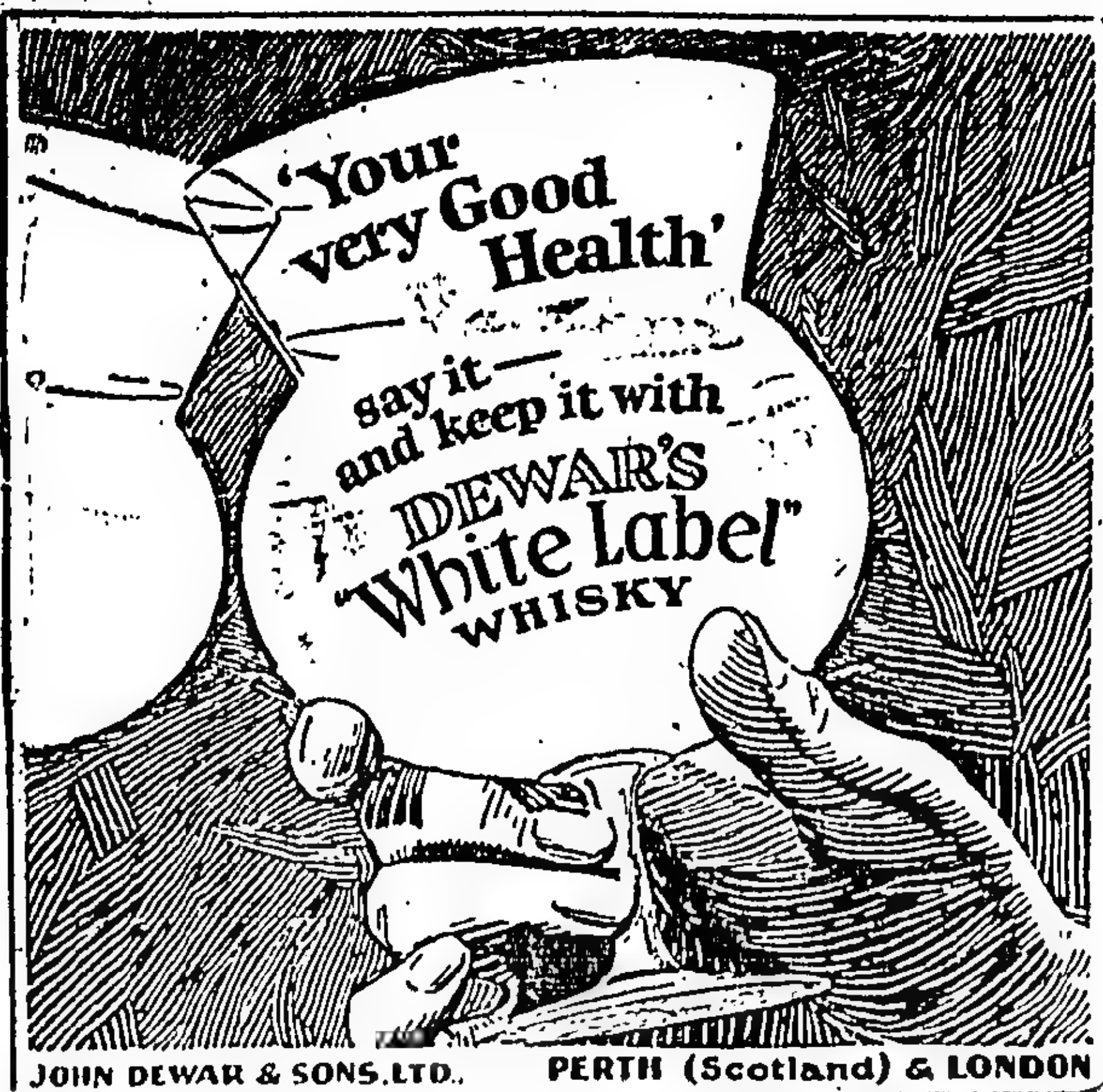
On Sunday and Monday, Japanese planes carried out a devastating series of raids on China, bombing five provincial capitals as well as a large number of smaller cities and towns. They appeared over Chungking for the fifth time since the outbreak of hostilities, and bombed Ichabodde, Changsha, Sian, and Kweilin.

12 Dead In U.S. Cold Blast

New York, Dec. 27. The wave of cold weather which is sweeping the northern States of America, has so far caused 12 deaths, according to the latest reports.—Reuter.

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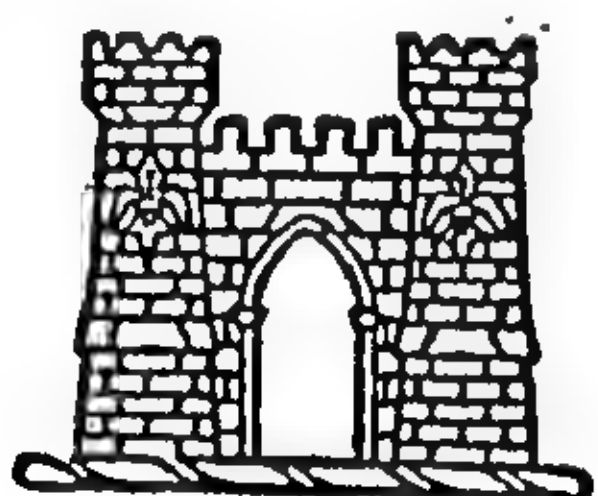
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War on the Defensive

ONCE MORE the initiative in the Sino-Japanese War passes from the hands of Japan to the Chinese. Only in the air and on the sea does Japan now appear to hold undisputed sway. She has used the former to launch an almost unprecedented campaign of terror on Chinese cities and towns, the latter to tighten a blockade that, to all intents and purposes, has the subjugation of 470,000,000 people by starvation as its objective. This naval blockade, about which so little is said, may one day prove a decisive factor in the war, as a similar blockade did twenty years ago. China, remember, cannot feed itself, but must import vast quantities of rice and other foods from the outside world. China fares better on land and it seems evident from the news of the past few days that large-scale attacks are beginning both in Kwangtung and Honan. What influence these offensives will have upon the campaign and how much territory China will be able to wrest back from Japan remains to be seen. It is two months since Canton and Hankow fell, and the Japanese are still where they were then on all fronts. The Japanese have made repeated efforts to add to their gains, to consolidate their existing seizures. But they are hampered, firstly, by a withdrawal of troops that is almost sensational in character, secondly, by weather conditions which for the next five months will favour the defenders, thirdly, by the birth of new confidence in China.

Time Marches On

ON FRONTS hundreds of miles apart, Japanese divisions are menaced by irregular forces who harass their communications and often receive support sufficient to provoke major battles.

Japan has already thrown a million men into this struggle, China three times that number. Japan claims that China's losses are staggering, her own infinitesimal. On the other hand, Japan has dipped dangerously into the reserves of man-power she must keep at home and in Manchuria against a possible conflict with Russia. Chinese reserves of man-power are inexhaustible and, in fact, are an embarrassment because of lack of arms. Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, recently claimed that by the middle of 1939 China will have an armed army of 10,000,000 men in the field. Cut that number by fifty per cent. even, and the total is formidable and something for Japan to ponder over.

The war has by no means reached a decisive phase, and time is certainly on the side of China.

CHRISTMAS LASTS FOR TWELVE DAYS

THE "Twelve Days of Christmas" is a phrase which we have almost forgotten to-day. Yet Christmas itself is only part of the great feast of Yule, which extends from Christmas Eve to Twelfth Night (January 6.) Here and there in the more remote parts of the country memories of this still survive.

In Cornwall, the fisherfolk of St. Ives and the neighbouring villages go Guise Dancing. At night the streets are invaded by parties of young people attired in grotesque costume. The boys are usually dressed as girls and the girls as boys, some of them presenting historical characters, others merely disguised with blackened faces.

To see them dancing at the street corners to the sound of concertina and drum, one might be watching some Italian carnival were it not for the mid-winter sky overhead.



UNTIL recently the guise dancers in Cornwall, as elsewhere, used to act the traditional play of "St. George and the Dragon." Many versions of this are found all over Britain, but the principal "characters" are the same in all. The party was generally introduced by "Old Father Christmas."

Stepping out from the half-circle of players assembled in the big friendly kitchens of the farm-houses, he proclaimed:

Here comes, I, old Father Christmas, welcome or welcome not, I do hope old Father Christmas will never be forgot.

If you don't believe what I do say, Come in, St. George, and clear the way.

A resplendent St. George was followed by the sombre figure of the Turkish Knight, and his companion the Dragon. After a great deal of boasting and country wit, a fight takes place in which the Turkish Knight is knocked out by St. George. Then in comes the Doctor. With his magic medicine he resurrects the "Turkey Snipe" and the battle is renewed.



BUT once again St. George proves the champion, the Turkish Knight is slain and he, and the Dragon, are dragged off the stage by "Old Beelzebub." As a reward for his valour, St. George (in some versions) is given the hand of Princess Sabra, the King of Egypt's daughter, in marriage!

This ancient mummies' play is still acted at Christmas time in some of the villages of Hampshire. The players here are farm labourers, and wear a traditional costume consisting of a Norman helmet and something resembling a coat of mail. Their faces are hidden by fluttering strips of wall-paper which hang down over their clothing and give them a wild appearance. As one meets them trudging through the lanes, they look more like a troop of dancers transplanted from the jungle than sober English countrymen.

For hundreds of years the play has been associated with St. George, the Patron Saint of England; yet the "plot" is probably far older than any of the "characters." There is little doubt that it dates from before the time of Christianity, and that the slaying of the Turkish Knight and the victory of St. George originally symbolised the defeat of Winter and the triumph of Spring.

The "Twelve Days" was also a fire festival. Everywhere throughout Europe great bonfires were lighted at this time to encourage the mid-winter sun to regain its power.

At Allendale, in Northumberland, twenty-four men in quaint



costumes still parade the town on New Year's Night carrying pans of blazing tar upon their heads. Led by a band, they gather in the market place, where a huge bonfire is lighted.

Further north, at Burghhead on the Moray Firth, the fire festival appears again in a ceremony called "Burning the Clavie." This takes place on January 11, which is Hogmanay or New Year's Eve—old style. The "Clavie" is manufactured out of a tar barrel with odd bits of wood, and is lighted from a burning peat—no other method may be used.

It is afterwards carried with much ceremony to a neighbouring hillock where fresh fuel is added, and the flames shoot high

into the darkness. The clavie is finally demolished whilst still burning, and the crowd rush to seize the glowing embers, which are thought to bring good luck.

The same idea of good luck underlies the New Year custom of Wassailing. On January 7 the villagers of Carhampton in Somerset carry into the orchards a milk pan full of cider into which roasted apples have been broken. Each man fills his mug and after drinking some of the cider throws the rest at the trees, at the same time shouting aloud to scare away evil spirits. Sometimes one of the roasted apples or a piece of bread which has been soaked in the cider, is placed in the trees to encourage the good spirits to ensure a bountiful crop.

THE Twelve Days of Christmas culminate at Haxey, in Lincolnshire, with an extraordinary game called "Throwing the Hood," which has been played there for more than six hundred years. On the afternoon of January 6 the men of the five rival hamlets which form the parish assemble on a bleak hill-top overlooking the Fens. The leader of the game, called the "Lord," is dressed in a scarlet tunic with a Morris dancer's top hat decorated with flowers. Round him he places his twelve red-jersted "boggins" to form a hundred-yard circle—as if for rounders.

Then, taking a "hood," which is made of a tightly fastened roll of sack, about two feet long, he chants the formula:

Hoos again hoos, toon again toon, If a Man meet a man knock a Man down—But don't hurt him!

and hurls it into the air. In a moment the crowd is on it, each man striving to capture the hood and escape with it, past the boggins, to his own village.



IN this way the game goes on for an hour. Then comes the "away." Imagine a giant football scrum composed of a hundred men locked immovably over an unseen ball and you have some idea of what this is.

Bit by bit the weaker side is driven down the hill, contesting every inch, for "luck" goes to the winners. At last, without need of referee or whistle, the pressure slackens, the scrum breaks up—and another of Haxey's hood games has come to an end.

A. K. H. Jenkins

WOMAN NEED NOT TELL

A WIDOW cannot be compelled to disclose statements made to her by her husband during their marriage.

This centuries-old rule of law was upheld in the Chancery Division recently, when Mr. Justice Simonds refused an application by Mrs. Florence Annie Shenton, who wished to deliver interrogatories to Mrs. Edith Lilian Tyler, widow of Mr. Edmund Deebie Tyler, to substantiate her claim that Mr. Tyler left his widow about £70,000 subject to a promise that she would pay Mrs. Shenton £2 a week during her lifetime.

The addresses of the parties in the case were not disclosed.

Mr. Roger Turnbull, for Mrs. Shenton, said her case was that Mr. Tyler communicated to his wife his wish that she should pay to Mrs. Shenton £2 a week during her lifetime.

PAYMENTS STOPPED

Mrs. Tyler, it was alleged, gave him such a promise.

Mrs. Shenton received the payments until March, 1937, when they were discontinued. The question was, what steps could be taken to compel Mrs. Tyler to disclose the alleged bargain in which the husband said: "If you will pay the lady this weekly sum I will let you have my residuary estate."

Mr. Turnbull contended that the rule of common law which said that no wife should be compellable to disclose any communication made to her by her husband during marriage had no application to a widow.

SACRED CONFIDENCES

Mr. G. D. Johnston, for Mrs. Tyler, said it was an absolute rule of law that no husband or wife could be compelled to disclose any communication made during marriage. It would be detrimental to the court to disclose sacred confidences between husband and wife.

Mr. Justice Simonds said that in her defence to the action Mrs. Tyler denied that any such wish was expressed by her husband, or promise made. Mrs. Shenton sought to establish her case by interrogating Mrs. Tyler.

A widow always was an admissible witness, as was a woman who was divorced but, whether a widow or a divorced woman, she was not compellable or admissible as a witness in regard to matters which had passed between herself and her husband during the married state.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Her mother picked him, but she put her foot down and insisted on picking the gown!"

Royal Navy Dismissed For 118 Triangular Cricket Tournament Match

The Royal Navy were dismissed this morning for only 118 runs by the Army in the Triangular Cricket Tournament on the Hongkong C. C. ground, the last wicket falling in the last over before lunch.

Capt. Godby was in fine bowling form for the Army, taking six wickets for only 20 runs.

ROYAL NAVY—1ST INNS.

Capt. Whitmarsh, c Lawrence, b Godby	0
Lt. Smith, c Land, b Patterson	5
Lt. Comdr. Kennedy, b Godby	5
Lt. Mannera, c Godby, b Land	20
Comdr. Firth, b Godby	9
E. A. Clayton, c Land, b Godby	4
Comdr. Lee, b Godby	20
S. P. O. Wanstall, c Patterson, b Land	4
Lt. Talbot, c Patterson, b Baker	20
Mr. Moore, b.w., b Godby	3
C. P. O. Paxton, not out	0
Extras	5
Total	118

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Godby	11.5	2	20	6
Patterson	5	1	10	1
Land	0	0	40	2
Hatfield	6	1	21	1
Swyers	2	2	12	1
Baker	3	2	1	1

*Bowled one no-ball.

AVALANCHE KILLS 93

TOKYO, Dec. 27.

NINETY-THREE WORKERS were entombed in an avalanche which swept the water-power station under construction at Shidai on Saturday morning.

Up to 4 p.m. 39 bodies were recovered and 11 were found seriously injured. The fate of 43 was still unknown.

Led by local police forces, rescue parties including some 300 members of fire-brigades and young men's associations rushed to the scene and were continuing efforts to extricate the remainder.—Domei.

Death Of Famed Abbot Of Buckfast

Dom Anscar Vener, Lord Abbot of Buckfast, whose name will always be associated with the remarkable enterprise by which the abbey church was rebuilt on its old foundations at Buckfast by the work of the monks themselves over a period of 30 years, has died.

He was 63 and was convalescent from illness.

He died in his sleep this morning. Only a few weeks ago a tower of the abbey church, which was consecrated in 1932 by Cardinal Bourne, was completed to the delight of the abbot, who saw a 32-year-old dream realised.—British Wireless.

JAPAN'S REPLIES DO NOT SATISFY AMERICA

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Foreign Minister, Mr. K. Arita, to previous complaints against interference with foreign interests in China.

The U.S. Ambassador called on the Japanese Foreign Minister in accordance with instructions from Washington, Mr. Welles said.

Certain complaints made by the United States Government were discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Grew has not yet reported on the results of his interview with Mr. Arita.—United Press.

H.K. MAN WHO ESCAPED IN JUNK

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by her brother-in-law, Mr. C. H. Tilley, while her sister was mistress of honour and Mr. P. J. Mudge was best man.

The wedding, which was performed by the Rev. J. G. Hall, was a quiet one but later a largely-attended reception was held at the Hotel Metropole. The couple are at Fraser's Hill for the honeymoon.

Death Of Pioneer In Advertising

London, Dec. 27.

Sir Charles Huggins, pioneer in advertising and commercial publicity, died at his home in Surrey on Saturday aged 62.—British Wireless.

Australians Seek Pact

LONDON, Dec. 27.

A DEPUTATION of Australian trade experts have begun negotiations in Washington for a new trade agreement.

Similar negotiations will later be conducted in Ottawa. The deputation is headed by the Australian High Commissioner in London, Mr. Stanley M. Bruce.

It is intimated here that the new trade negotiations have been rendered necessary by the Anglo-American trade agreement, signed recently.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO'S DRIVE BROUGHT TO HALT

(Continued from Page 1.)

falling into the water. There were no victims.

CAVALRY MOP-UP

From Burgos comes a report that insurgent cavalry mopped-up the left bank of the Ebro as far as Ribarroja, linking up with insurgent forces on the right bank, whereupon the cavalry are reported to have captured the heights above Ribarroja at midday, and to have dominated the heights above Flix, extending the front southward.

With the occupation of Capiserra, the insurgents seized an important communications centre, as well as the power plant.

After the capture and consolidation of Aspa, and the roads between Lerida and Cogul, the insurgents advanced considerably towards an important main road.

A Hendaye report says that the insurgent offensive which the Loyalists claim is being made under the direction of an Italian general, to-day swept within 30 miles of the important Loyalist seaport of Tarragona.

The insurgent spearhead is composed of units of Moroccan cavalry, and 30,000 Italian Blackshirts, and is reported to have shattered the Loyalist lines at three points along the 60-mile front, which has now taken the shape of an hour glass to the north and south of Balaguer.

Thus, with the offensive only five days old, General Franco has apparently covered one-third of the distance from his base at Soria to Tarragona, which is the first major objective of the drive on Barcelona, 64 miles northward along the Mediterranean from Tarragona.

Insurgents nearest to Tarragona are in positions in the Llanos Maestros, which provide a wall to the Lerida-Tarragona highway, while south they have occupied posts beyond Dorias Blancas, as a result of flanking operations, without attempting to occupy the town.

Behind the insurgent lines are the captured towns of Aspa, Cogul, Torresbasses, Solers, and Granadella, and the 1,300-foot Mount Pinjat, which was wrested from Catalan brigades after very fierce fighting.

BATTLEFIELDS STREWN WITH DEAD

Meanwhile insurgent headquarters at Saragossa report the capture of nearly 3,000 prisoners during the past 24 hours. The report adds that the retreating Loyalists left the battle-fronts strewn with thousands of dead.

Ahead of the drive, Loyalist towns are being rapidly evacuated as Franco's bombers swept 30 to 40 miles beyond the fighting lines to-day, and unloaded tons of bombs on important communication points.

Meanwhile, in the Tremp sector, Navarres, Galician and Franco troops captured Capiserra, dominating the vital communications line running southwards from the frontier to Arisa de Segre.

The insurgents are reported already to be within sight of the Segre River, which will have to be crossed before they reach Arisa, which is the immediate northern objective.—United Press.

GERMAN VERSION

Bilbao, Dec. 27.

Good weather conditions to-day greatly favoured the operations of the insurgent forces in their Catalan offensive, according to reports reaching here from the front.

The attack is continuing to make notable progress. The right wing of General Franco's forces, which is making a thrust in the direction of Tarragona, strengthened out the Ebro valley which had been formed between Mequinenza and Ribarroja. Several hundred Loyalists were killed and hundreds taken prisoner in the course of this advance.

Judging from other reports further progress has also been made by the left wing, which is smashing its way through difficult terrain in the Tremp sector. Here, General Franco's forces penetrated the Loyalist lines to-day to a depth of four miles.

In the Segre sector, the insurgents captured several small towns to the south and south-west of Borjas Blancas.—Trans-Ocean.

BIGGEST BATTLE IN WAR

Saragossa, Dec. 27.

The Christmas offensive launched by General Franco in Catalonia was continued to-day. The insurgents, in four days, have conquered 300 square miles, and have taken more than 8,000 prisoners, while 32 Loyalist planes are reported to have been shot down.

Loyalist divisions, fighting near Soria, are said to have suffered



The Rev. Father MacDonald conducting Mass in the Chapel at the Hongkong Brewery, Sam Tsang, by kind permission of Mr. J. H. Rutherford, the Managing Director of the Brewery, for the convenience of the staff and other residents of the Castle Peak district.—Photo by Jaffer.

Mediation By Britain Unwanted

PARIS, Dec. 27.

THE newspaper "L'Ouvre" to-day draws attention to the rumours prevalent in political circles in Paris, which declare that Signor Mussolini intends to suggest to Mr. Chamberlain, during the latter's forthcoming visit to Rome, that the British Premier should assume the role of mediator in the dispute between Italy and France.

The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Phipps, as it is stated, is sounding the French Government as to the latter's attitude towards such a plan.

The French Government, however, has allegedly intimated to the British Government that it views the suggestion without enthusiasm, since France was not represented by an Ambassador in Rome, who was competent to settle disputes between France and Italy.

The newspaper also reports that Mr. Chamberlain has decided to stop over in Paris on his way to Rome to discuss the Italian claims with the French Government.—Trans-Ocean.

INTEREST IN VISIT

London, Dec. 27.

Interest in Mr. Chamberlain's forthcoming visit to Rome increases with the approach of the time, and has been enhanced by the French reply to the Italian not denouncing the Franco-Italian agreement for 1935.

It is generally assumed that the conversations held during the past few days by the French Foreign Minister with the British Ambassador, as well as with the French Ambassador in London, were mainly concerned with the question of Tunis.

Press reports here to-day stated that owing to the urgency of the Tunis problem, M. Corbin, the French Ambassador to London, had already left Paris for London, and these reports are stated by the French Embassy to be incorrect.

However, it is regarded as certain that M. Corbin will see Lord Halifax on the subject early in the New Year. Diplomatic circles here believe that the French Government would welcome "peaceful intervention" by England in the Tunis question, and that the British Government would not be adverse to taking such a step, especially as England is directly interested in maintenance of the status quo in the Mediterranean.

It is considered likely that Viscount Halifax will endeavour to undertake mediation between Paris and Rome before the meeting of the League Council on January 10. It is also regarded as probable that the meeting of the French and British Foreign Ministers at Geneva on that occasion will be substituted for the visit of Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax to Paris, prior to their meeting with Signor Mussolini.

Talk of a "probable visit of Count Ciano to London" at the end of February has been revived, although nothing definite can yet be predicted on the subject.—Trans-Ocean.

WARSHIP FOR DJIBOUTI

PARIS, Dec. 27.

THE ESCORT VESSEL Diderville, which is attached to the French naval forces at Levant, and which is due to carry out a cruise of the Red Sea, left Beirut for Djibouti to-day.—Reuter.

PARIS JITTERY AT RUMOURS

PARIS, Dec. 27.

A REPORT that the Italian authorities in Abyssinia are threatening to march on Djibouti, is published by "Pertinax" in the newspaper "Ordre".

The article says that the Italian authorities are proclaiming that it is only a question of time before they march there, and the French are thrown into the sea.

Italian troop movements are reported. For example, the Askaris are being sent to West Abyssinia relieving contingents of Gallas who are being sent eastward.

Roads, seemingly intended for military transport, have been built from Assab towards the French frontier.

The French have only numerically weak detachments at Djibouti, whereas the Italians have 90,000 soldiers, 130,000 white labourers, and 150,000 native labourers, though 185 miles of desert separate them from the French colony, with hostile populations around.

"Pertinax" says that it is by maritime power that the Italians in Abyssinia must be kept in check. The Habel Mandeb Straits can be defended as a result of Anglo-French co-operation at Djibouti and Aden, and it is stated that measures for such co-operation were taken in December, 1935.

Madame Tabouls, writing in "L'Ouvre" says the idea seems to be to take French Somaliland from the rear, while Djibouti is attacked from the air.

She mentions the reported suggestion that France should submit to the Hague Court, the question of 700 Italian troops, six months ago, occupying posts in what is claimed to

FRANCE AND ITALY.—Continued From Page 1.

Somaliland Governor Asks For Troops

GREAT PROMINENCE is given in the "Paris Soir" to-day to a message received from its correspondent in Cairo in which it is alleged that Italy is concentrating large numbers of troops along the border of Abyssinia and French Somaliland.

The Governor of Somaliland, it is stated, has asked the French Government to take immediate measures for reinforcing the military and naval outposts.

The same message says that the Egyptian Government has received information about the despatch of Italian troops to the southern part of Libya, and that, in view of the impending diplomatic talks, the Egyptian Government looks upon this action as an "ominous sign."—Trans-Ocean.

NO DENIAL NECESSARY

Rome, Dec. 27.

Competent Italian quarters deem it quite unnecessary to issue an official denial of the rumours circulated in the French and British press of the concentration of Italian troops in North Africa.

Italian newspapers reproduce the London and Paris reports, with ironic commentaries. The "Giornale d'Italia" says that "Pertinax" has quoted his police in the hope of being able to convince British public opinion of the necessity of Anglo-French collaboration in the Red Sea.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW CHINESE OFFENSIVE GAINING MOMENTUM

(Continued from Page 1.)

In south Shansi, according to field despatches just received here, the Japanese invaders in their attack on the Chinese positions at the two villages were assisted by a terrific artillery bombardment paraded by over a dozen heavy pieces. Over 500 shells were hurled onto the Chinese trenches pulverising some of the defence works but the defenders grimly held on to their ground.

The latest message from the front states that the opposing forces are holding each other at bay along a line joining Maochuan, Kuchan and Tumen.—Central News.

HEAVY JAPANESE LOSSES

Chungking, Dec. 27.

It is announced that heavy fighting has broken out in Shansi, and that the Japanese are suffering heavy losses.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE DEPARTING FROM YOYANG

Changteh, Dec. 28.

Field despatches state that the main bulk of the Japanese troops at YoYang on the Canton-Hankow Railway in north Hunan, has been withdrawn to Chenglingki, five miles north.

Chinese vanguards are at Nantankang, immediately south of YoYang, "mopping up" the Japanese remnant troops there.—Central News.

Czechs To Disband Labour Battalions

Prague, Dec. 27.

Czechoslovakia intends to disband its labour battalions, formed of unemployed workers, and to introduce a system of one year compulsory labour service.

A commission, composed of representatives of various Government departments concerned, is to be set up for the purpose of studying the operation of labour service in Germany.

It was also announced here to-day that the Communist Party in Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, had been dissolved.—Trans-Ocean.

COMMISSION ARRIVES IN MADRID

Madrid, Dec. 27.

The International Commission appointed by the League of Nations to verify the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from Spain, has arrived in Madrid.

The Commission, headed by General Molisworth, intends to remain in Madrid for two days.—Reuter.



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Switzerland's Defence Measures

Berne, Dec. 27.

Swiss defence estimates provide for expenditure of 350,000,000 francs for the coming year, of which 150,000,000 will have to be appropriated for the air force.

In a report presented to the Federal Parliament by the Federal Council, it is stated that a proposal for the creation of a special defence fund to cover increased expenditure on armaments, must be seriously considered.—Trans-Ocean.

Nazis "Aryanise" Jewish Shops

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Of the 3,750 Jewish retail shops in Berlin, 1,200 have been "judged suitable for Aryanisation" from January 1, says the newspaper "Nachtausgabe" which states that 700 of these have already passed into Aryan hands, while there have been no purchasers for the remaining 500.

All other formerly Jewish-owned shops will be definitely closed down, it having been intimated that there is no demand for them.—Trans-Ocean.

Colonel F. K. Simmons has been appointed to succeed Col. A. P. D. Telford-Bollett in command of the Shanghai area.

Chamberlain To Visit Vatican

MILAN, Dec. 27.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN and Viscount Halifax will be received in private audience by His Holiness the Pope on the day following their arrival in Rome.

After their audience with the Pope, they will attend a luncheon given by Mr. Francis D'Arcy Osborne, the British Minister-Pleipotentiary to the Vatican.

Special interest is attached to this visit of the British statesmen to the Vatican, in view of the fact that Viscount Halifax's father took a prominent part in the movement which aims at reuniting the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.—Trans-Ocean.

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South Africans Make A Splendid Recovery In First Test Match Against M.C.C.

Viljoen, Dalton, Langton Pull The Game Round

The South Africans made a splendid recovery in the First Test match against the M.C.C. at Johannesburg, and at the end of the first innings were only 32 runs behind the tourists. A century by E. L. Dalton and a hard-hit 64 by A. B. C. Langton towards the end of the innings enabled the South Africans to reach 390 in answer to the M.C.C. total of 422.

At close of play yesterday, the M.C.C. had made 103 for the loss of one wicket. There being only one more day left for play, the match seems likely to end in a draw.

Johannesburg, Dec. 27. The weather was warm and sunny when the match was resumed to-day. The wicket was still good and showed only slight signs of wear. Yesterday's attendance of 22,000 was a record, the previous best being 18,000 at the match against Australia in 1936.

Farnes and Verity opened to Mitchell and Viljoen, and although the batsmen were very cautious, Mitchell was bowled by an inswinger from Farnes on the last ball of the second over and was out for 73, including three fours, and compiled in 240 minutes. He had been very patient and defended skilfully.

Dalton joined Viljoen at six for 173 and survived three leg-before appeals in the first few overs. Both bats were very steady.

At lunch the score was six for 250, Viljoen being 36 and Dalton 48.

CONFIDENT RESUMPTION

The South Africans made a confident resumption after lunch, but Viljoen, in attempting to drive Wilkinson, played on to his wicket with the total standing at 281. Viljoen had made exactly 50 in 162 minutes and hit five fours.

G. Bond, next man in, was dismissed by Wilkinson's next ball, a top-spinner which hit his pads and he was given out leg before wicket.

Meanwhile Dalton batted steadily and he and Langton took the score to 373 before he was caught by Edrich off Verity for an invaluable 102, made in 201 minutes.

Dalton featured his knock with powerful off-driving and he found the rails nine times.

Joined by E. Q. Davies, Langton hit out merrily and when Davies was bowled by Verity for a "duck," he had 64 not out, the reward of a hard-hitting innings. He was at the wicket for 90 minutes. He hit Goddard and Wilkinson for sixes, and also claimed five boundaries.

The South African innings, which closed at 390, just before ten, had taken 426 minutes.

P. A. Gibb kept wickets for the M.C.C. after lunch instead of Ames, who had a sore finger and fielded at the boundary.

EDRICH FAILS AGAIN

Leading by 32 runs, the M.C.C. batted a second time, opening again with Edrich and Gibb.

Edrich failed once more, being caught by Mitchell off Gordon after he made only ten runs. The total was 38.

Gibb and Paynter stayed together until close of play, by which time the English total had been taken to 103. Gibb had 53 to his credit and Paynter 32.

M.C.C.—1ST INNS.

Edrich, c (Slips), b Davies	4
P. A. Gibb, c Melville, b Mitchell	93
Paynter, b Mitchell	117
W. R. Hammond, b Gordon	24
Ames, c Wade, b Gordon	42
N. W. D. Yardley, c and b Mitchell	7
B. H. Valentine, c Wade, b Gordon	97
Verity, b Dalton	20
Wilkinson, l.b.w., b Gordon	2
K. Farnes, b Gordon	0
Goddard, not out	10
Extras	422

Fall of wickets:—1 (Edrich) for 4; 2 (Paynter) for 180; 3 (Hammond) for 234; 4 (Gibb) for 278; 5 (Ames) for 302; 6 (Verity) for 304; 7 (Edrich) for 378; 8 (Wilkinson) for 388; 9 (Farnes) for 413; 10 (Valentine) for 422.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davies	19	0	102	1
Langton	27	5	74	0
Gordon	33.4	3	103	5
Mitchell	22	2	78	3
Dalton	10	1	42	1
Bond	2	0	16	0

SOUTH AFRICA.—1ST INNS.

D. Mitchell, b Farnes	73
P. Van der Byl, l.b.w., b Verity	4
A. Melville, c and b Verity	0



Mrs. Clifford won the ladies' tennis singles championship of the Colony on Saturday when she defeated Miss Madge Griffiths in the final at the U.S.R.C. Picture shows the winner making a backhand return.—Photo by Jaffer.

RUGGER MATCHES AT HOME

London, Dec. 27.	
Rugby Union matches played to-day:	
Exeter	16 Bath
Gloucester	15 Universities
Leicester	8 Barbarians
Swansea	5 London Welsh
Aberavon	8 Cross Keys
Cardiff	6 Watsons
Newport	14 London Irish
Western Super-Mare	21 Penarth

AUTOPSY FINDINGS

San Francisco, Dec. 26. The inquest on Andre Sheleff, former welter-weight champion of the Orient, will be held on December 30. The autopsy has revealed kidney haemorrhage and blood clots in the head.

Sheleff died of concussion following a bout with Salvatore who is now being held on a technical charge of manslaughter.

A. D. Nourse, c and b Goddard	73
N. Gordon, st. Ames, b Goddard	0
W. Wade, b Goddard	0
S. Viljoen, b Wilkinson	50
E. L. Dalton, c Edrich, b Verity	102
G. Bond, l.b.w., b Wilkinson	0
A. B. C. Langton, not out	04
E. Q. Davies, b Verity	0
Extras	24
Total	390

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	23	1	87	1
Edrich	9	0	44	0
Verity	44.1	16	61	4
Hammond	10	3	27	0
Wilkinson	22	0	93	2
Goddard	27	5	54	3

M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Edrich, c Mitchell, b Gordon	10
Gibb, not out	32
Paynter, not out	32
Extras	9
Total (for 1 wkt.)	103

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Melbourne, Dec. 27. In the Sheffield shield games Victoria beat New South Wales, and Queensland beat South Australia. Scores:—Victoria, 604 and 175-6, beat New South Wales, 294 and 388. South Australia 402, versus Queensland 131 and 182-4.—Reuter.

By Ernie Bushmiller

YACHTING RACE TO MACAO

Seventeen Boats Take Part

The annual sailing race from Hongkong to Macao, held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over the holidays, was concluded yesterday. The course was over a distance of 70 miles, the boats taking part, together with the finished and corrected times being as follows:—

	Finished	Corr.
Azuma, E1	21.00.10	20.53.25
(Mr. E. B. Lambert)		
La Cigale, E3	D.N.F.	
(Mr. N. V. A. Croucher)		
U. & L. E8	20.50.30	20.30.10
(Mr. C. B. Colls)		
Luana, E9	21.00.29	20.21.41
(Mr. A. L. Shields)		
Typhoon, W10	00.22.32	22.24.24
(Lt.-Col. Hindmarsh)		
Wanderer, E10	21.34.70	21.06.02
(Mr. D. W. Wagstaff)		
Penguin, W24	00.34.50	22.52.21
(Major A. C. Johnstone)		
Tyrone, E25	23.47.04	21.53.05
(Mr. B. Herschend)		
Punni, E26	21.59.35	20.32.38
(Mr. H. Gandy)		
Tavy, E29	11.02.50	06.05.19
(W.R. Officer's H.M.S. Tamar)		
Marander, E31	22.00.35	21.38.49
(Mr. S. Berg)		
Highwayman, E32	00.18.15	22.37.25
(Capt. C. B. Barry, R.N.)		
Norona, E30	20.12.03	21.02.51
(Mr. P. C. M. Sedgwick)		
Red Rover, E39	23.22.10	22.34.34
(Capt. R. W. Bateman)		
Dorinda, E41	00.51.50	22.50.18
(Mr. J. G. B. Dewar)		
Yanhey, O2	21.56.55	21.28.01
(Engr. Capt. A. K. Dickey, R.N.)		
Curlew, W12	22.46.35	20.59.30
(Capt. Tracey)		

CHANGE OF VENUE Army To Play Navy At Sookunpoo

The Triangular Hockey Tournament match between the Army and Navy will be played on Friday at Sookunpoo instead of at King's Park, as originally arranged. The game will commence at 3.45 p.m.

The following is the Army team: L/Cpl. Dove (R.C.S.); Pte. Stiekley (M'xex) and L/Bdr. Carter (R.A.); L/Cpl. Melton (R.E.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.) and L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots); L/Sgt. Kennedy (R. Scots), Lieut. Gindrit Singh (Rajputana Rifles), Lieut. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), L/Nk. Kerain Singh (Kumaons) and Rlm. Pataub Singh (Kumaons).

Lee Wai-tong Injured In Charity Game

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before passing over Duncan's outstretched hands.

The fourth goal, scored by Lee, was the best of the match. Securing possession about 30 yards from the goal, he wriggled past Proctor and drove hard for the right hand corner. The ball entered the net with the speed of a bullet with Duncan completely beaten.

FANCY TRICKS

After this, the Chinese players started to play fancy tricks, which pleased the crowd immensely but contributed nothing to the effectiveness of their play.

That the Chinese were definitely the better side in the last half hour was only too obvious; there was no need for them to rub it in the way they did.

Considering that they were picked from so many different teams, the Scots gave a surprisingly fine display. They did not last as well as the Chinese, however, and lost a great deal of their dash in the second half. Before they fell away, they gave the Chinese some very anxious moments indeed. Had luck been with them, they might have taken an early lead which would have made the game even closer and better to watch.

Fraser and Blackburne stuck pluckily to their task and Proctor did a prodigious amount of work in the pivotal position. It was not the fault that Scotland lost.

Teams: China—Tam Kwan-kon; Mak Shu-hon, Lee Tin-sang; Lau Hing-choi, Leung Wing-chiu, Hau King-shing; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheung, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shu-wing and Hau Ching-to. Scotland—Duncan; Blackburne, Fraser; Brown, Proctor, Benton; Munro, Ferrier, Hossack, Howlett and Tait.



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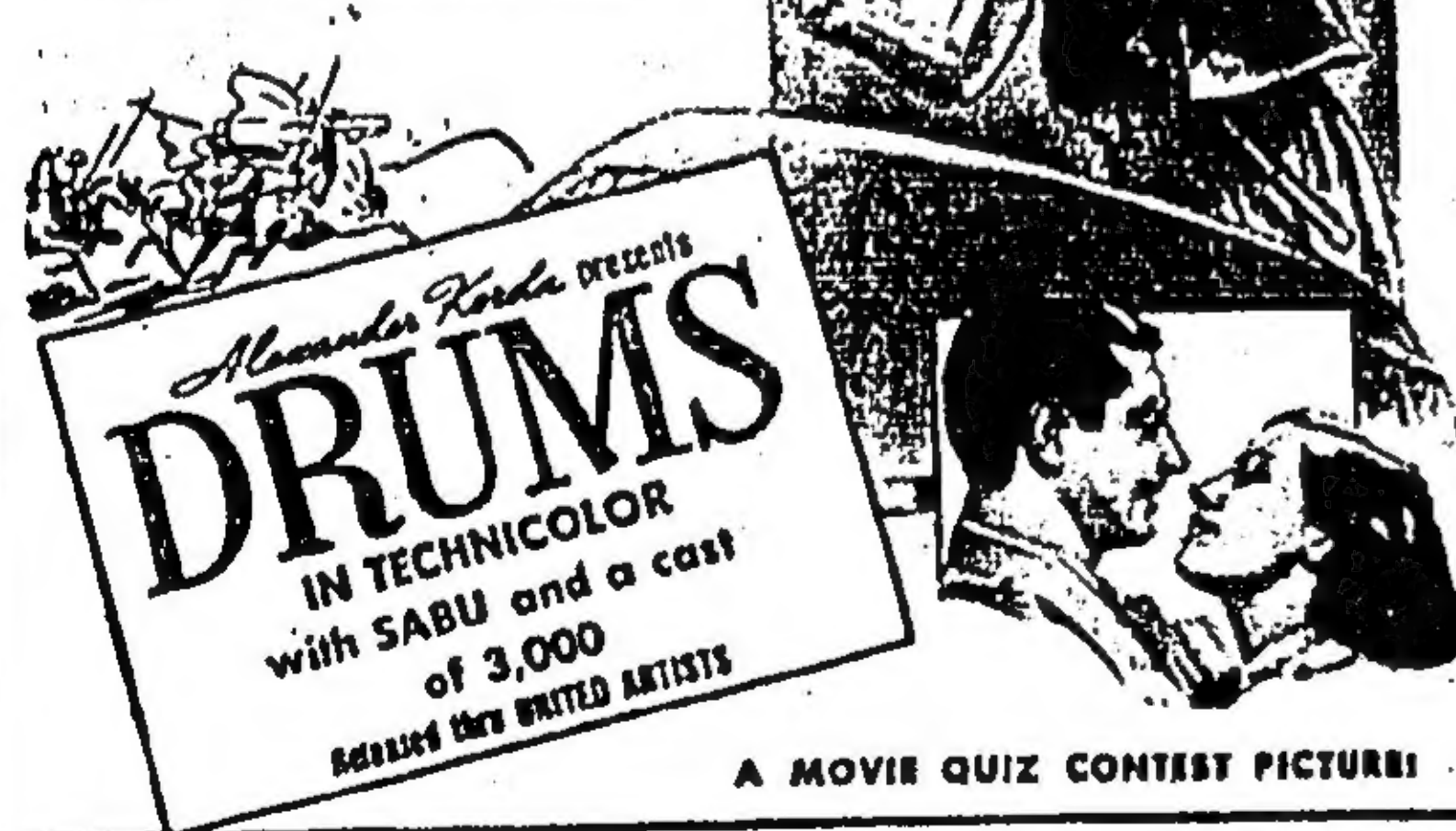
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Crimson, patterned with the dark colour of their suit, is a best seller in ties.

We do like men who keep their clothes clean.

We've seen too many pretty dresses ruined by contact with dirty jackets. Twice round the ballroom, and we find them a sooty-looking mark round the waist of our best chifon. The dirt may not show to THEM, but it comes off on US.

Train your man to be his own valet. Buy him a couple of whisks and make him keep one at home and one at the office. He'll get the Beau Brummell habit if he presses his trousers once a week.

Boys who brush their suits, use hangers and fold their ties, have learned 50 per cent. of the lesson on "how to be a successful husband."

We are all against sisters running after their brothers with fresh collars and clean shoes.

We like nice dressing-gowns and pyjamas. We take a lot of trouble about our own, and get no fun out of seeing men sink down to let the cat out in their old overcoat.

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They're wrong... and wrong... and wrong again.

We know how we'd like them to look, so this week we've spent most of our time finding out about men's fashions.

We're putting down—in very simple language—the things they ought to know about their clothes, but very seldom do.

Why do they think a dull grey suits them?

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Trousers are a little wider. Fitted jackets are in, and belted and gathered jackets are out.

Blue-grey is the favourite colour this year... next year... all the time.

Overcoat designs have altered scarcely at all for twenty-five years.

We think that the normal ration of fifteen pockets per suit is just thirteen too many.

We saw one in navy with a crimson pinstripe and wondered why so many men order "clerical" grey to wear in the office.

What we should like to see a man wearing at week-ends is a two-piece hop-sac suit. The jacket is check lined and the trousers specially cut to wear without waistcoat.

The trousers, we noticed, had the new flexway inner belt, and that means shirts needn't blouse quite so Russlanly as they do now.

Look at the sketch of the man in our favourite week-end outfit. Dark green jacket with a big, but not bright, over-check.

It has even one more pocket than usual.

We'd like this worn with worsted flannel trousers in the right shade of grey-green.

A husky shirt in checks or a turtle-necked jersey will make any girl—or wife—quite pleased to be seen out with her man on Saturday afternoon.

Fancy waistcoats are "in" again. Men ought to take advantage of that.

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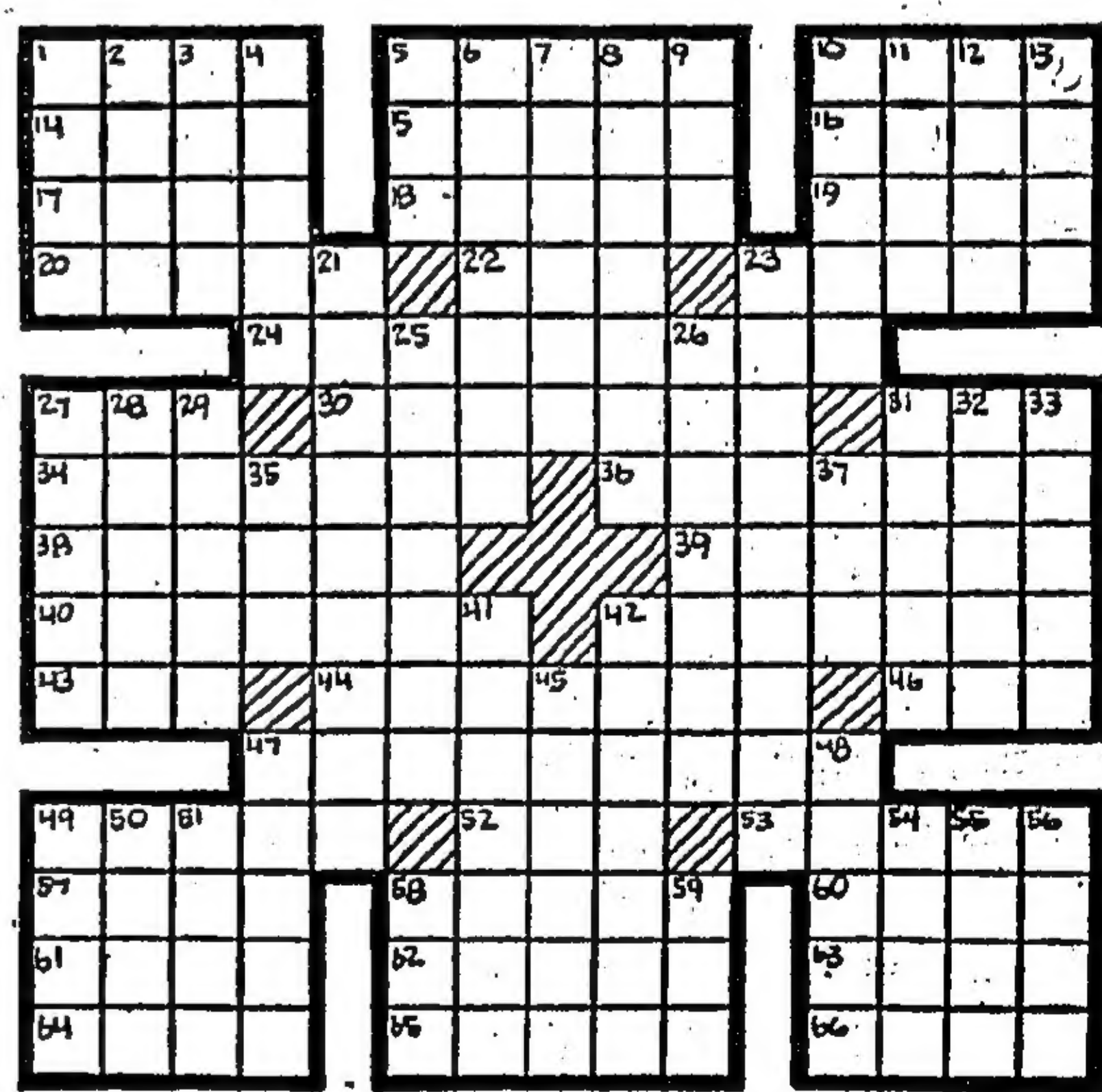
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ACROSS

- 1—Show concert
- 2—Turn inside out
- 3—Solace duly
- 4—Not chamber
- 5—Direct
- 6—Act insane
- 7—Lead in chess
- 8—Small hill
- 9—Portrait
- 10—Put into difficulties
- 11—Threaten sea
- 12—Water picture
- 13—Imbue again
- 14—The (German)
- 15—Make believe
- 16—Harbour
- 17—Tulip
- 18—Duly paid on landing
- 19—Blaze
- 20—Asiatic pentstemon
- 21—Theodolite
- 22—Killers
- 23—Crook
- 24—Drove rudely
- 25—Took seat
- 26—Penny
- 27—Having value
- 28—Constellation of
- 29—Use altar
- 30—Biblical wicked city
- 31—Leave-taking
- 32—Beats
- 33—Sea-wall
- 34—Medicinal plant

DOWN

- 1—Maid's name
- 2—On in
- 3—Wasp
- 4—Wings make
- 5—Baldish cap
- 6—Tide
- 7—Hills symbol
- 8—Adapt sound
- 9—Crisped
- 10—Above
- 11—Crisped
- 12—Lowered
- 13—Mystical solid white
- 14—Preceding
- 15—Dreaded us
- 16—Arms owned
- 17—Jenny of beetle
- 18—Prep
- 19—Bridal
- 20—Biblical town
- 21—Fervent agent
- 22—Sea-rail
- 23—Beam
- 24—Maid
- 25—One who showers
- 26—Show display
- 27—Nip
- 28—Maiden
- 29—Cat meat
- 30—Rod winding wheel
- 31—Bleat
- 32—Indicator
- 33—Vegetable
- 34—Dilatorate
- 35—Priest's title
- 36—Distress signal



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Hot water should be avoided, and a special bowl should be used if possible. If this is not available, and an enamel one has to be used, a folded tea towel placed in the bottom will act as a protection.

Prepare warm soapy water and wash each article separately, using a soft cloth or a piece of linen kept specially for the purpose.

If the glass has any crevices, scrub it with a soft nail brush. Rinse in warm or cold water; if the water is too hot it causes the glass to appear cloudy and speckled.

A few drops of vinegar added to the rinsing water brightens the glass and gives it a good gloss. After rinsing, place the articles upside down on a tray, protected with a soft cloth, to drain.

Dry and polish with a soft linen cloth. Glass cloths must be linen, otherwise the lint sticks to the glass and makes it appear cloudy and dull.

Various Cleaning Agents

Decanters and water bottles can be cleaned with a handful of tea leaves and a small piece of soda.

(b) A small quantity of torn up paper.

(c) A little cut up potato.

(d) Crushed egg shells.

(e) A cupful of vinegar and a good teaspoonful of common salt.

Place one of the above cleaning agents in the decanter or bottle, fill up with warm water and leave steeping about an hour. Shake thoroughly and then rinse in cold water two or three times.

Dry with a linen cloth and polish with a second one.

Decanters and bottles with narrow necks, after being dried and polished on the outside, should be placed neck downwards in a jug to drain dry.

The stoppers should never be replaced until the decanters are absolutely dry.

Mirrors and Pictures

Mirrors and pictures should be dusted thoroughly, then cleaned with a well-wrung leather. Polish with a lintless duster followed by a pad of soft tissue paper.

An alternative method, and one that obtains a high polish, is to rub the glass with a rag moistened with a few drops of methylated spirit. Polish well. It is not advisable to use whiting, as it is difficult to remove from round the frame, and looks unsightly if left in the cracks and crevices.

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